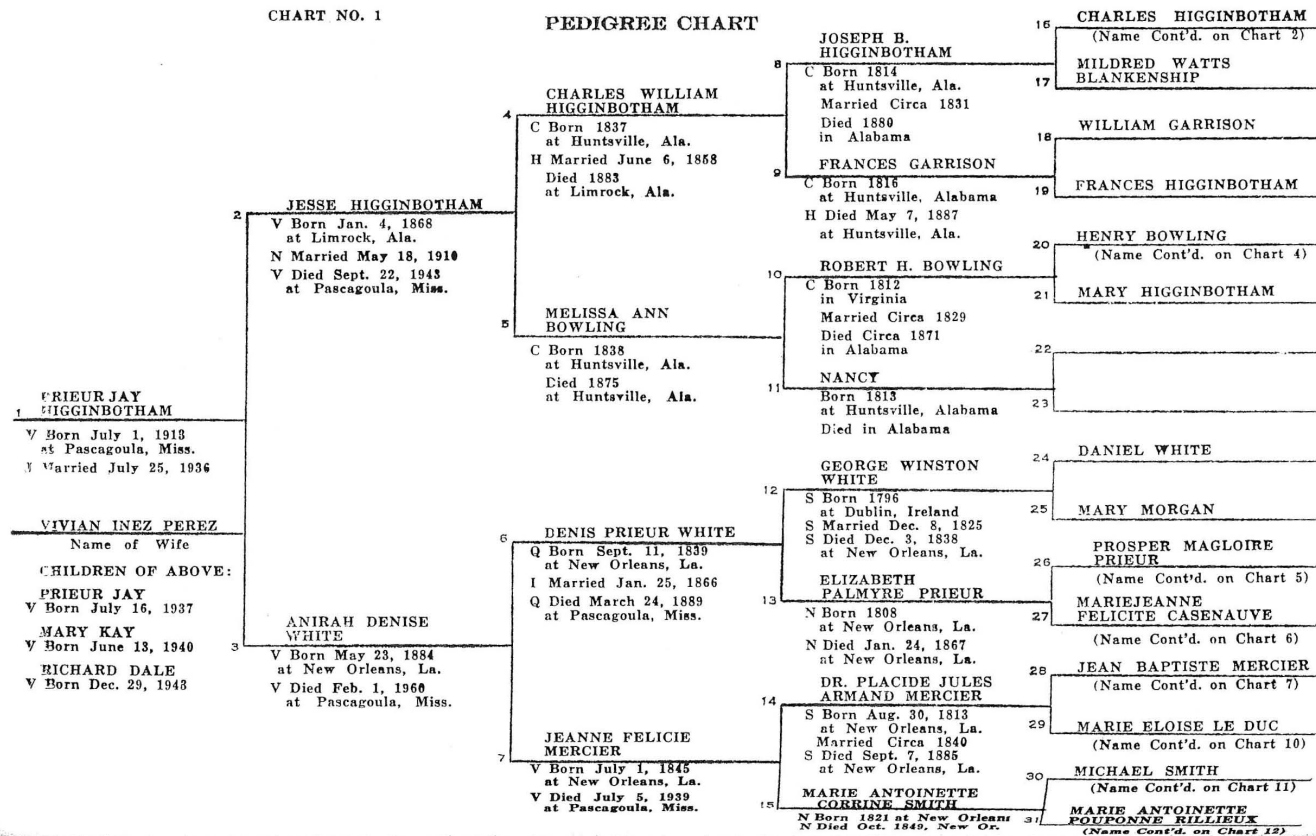


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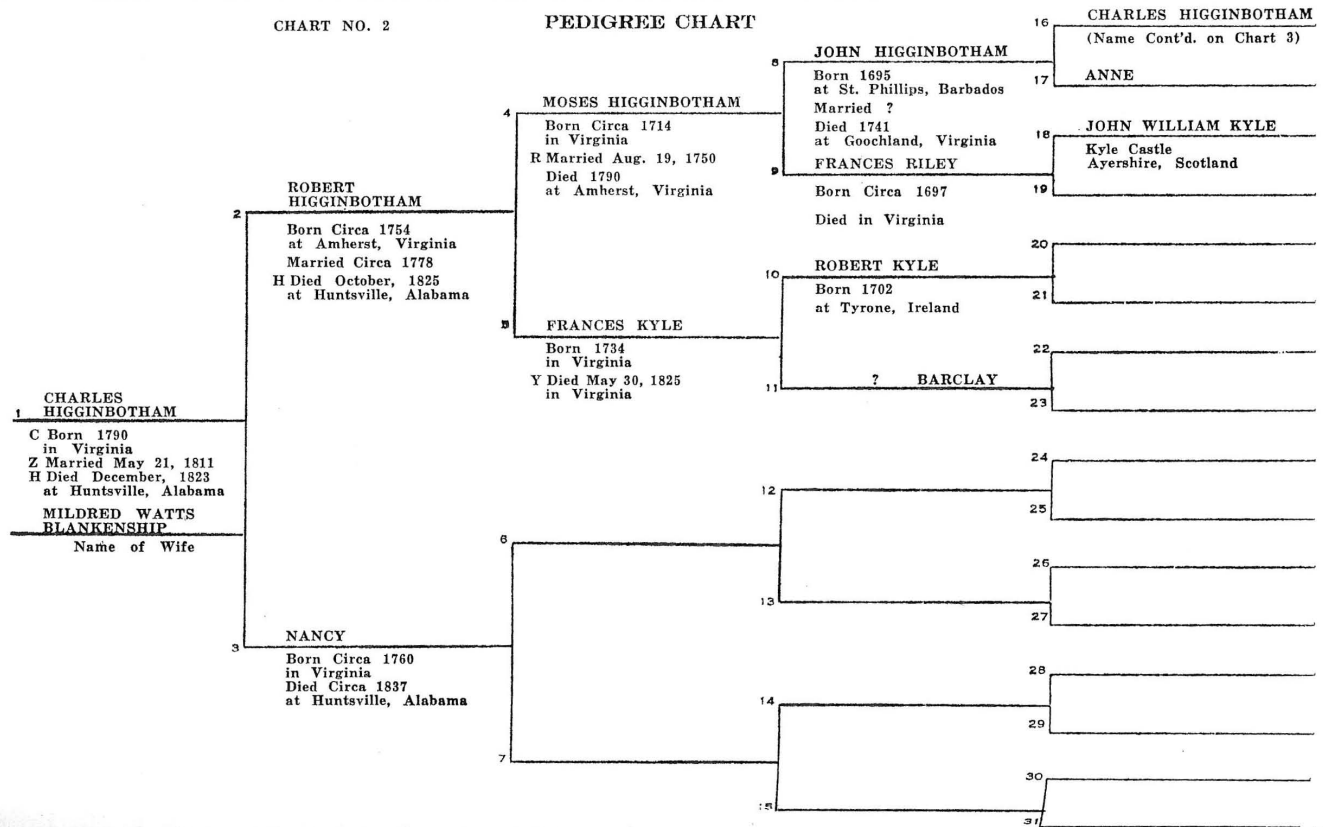




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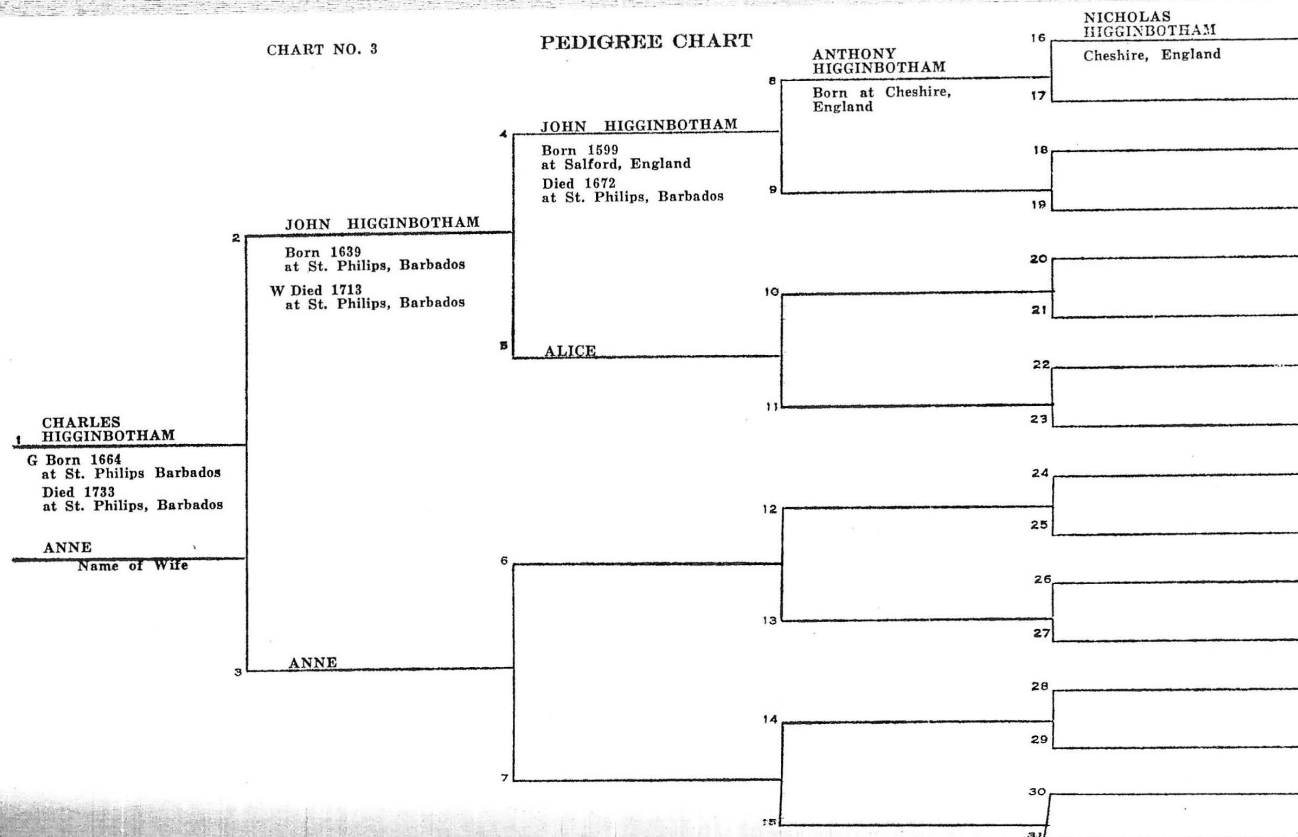


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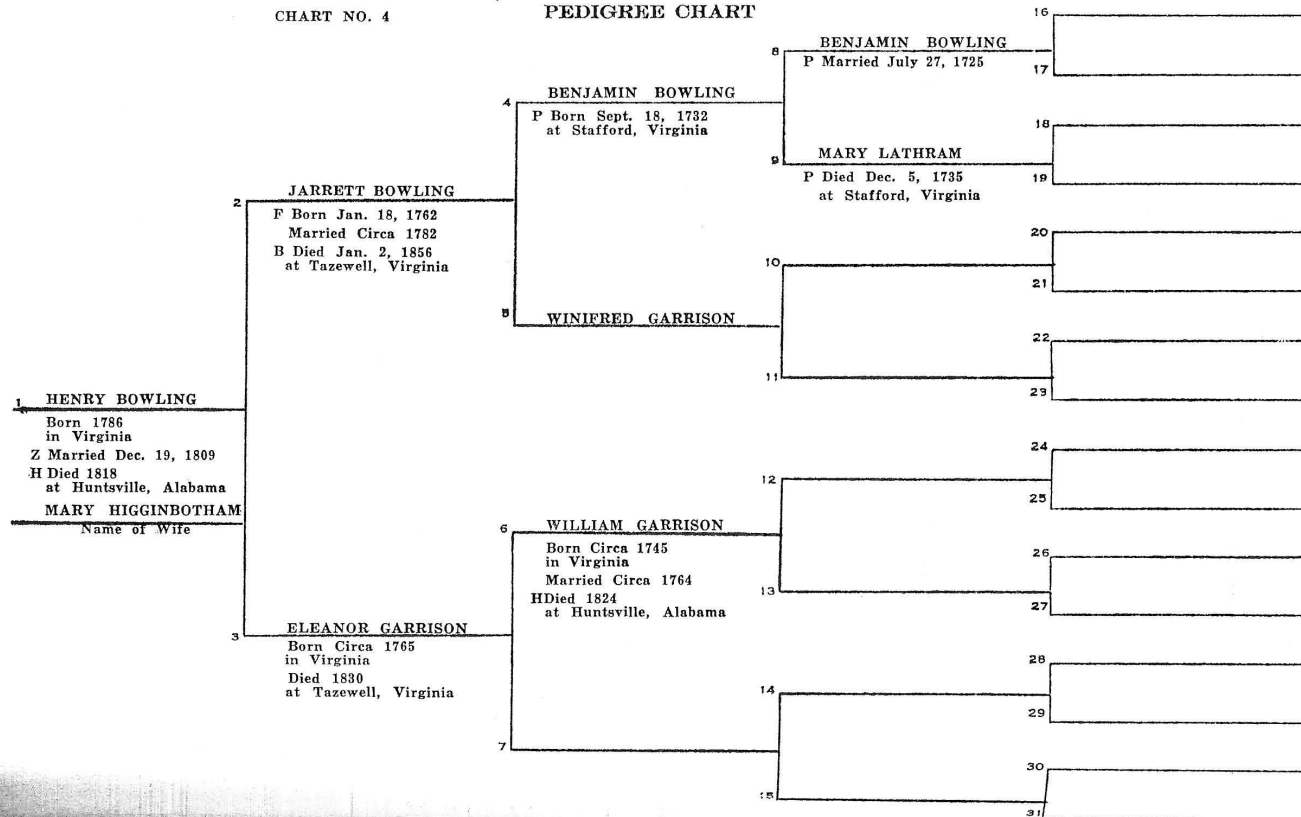


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1 **PROSPER MAGLOIRE  
PRIEUR**

S Born Oct. 22, 1753  
at Paris, France  
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S Died July 30, 1820  
at New Orleans, La.

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FELICITE CASENAIVE  
Name of Wife

**JACQUES PRIEUR**

**MARIE MADELAINE  
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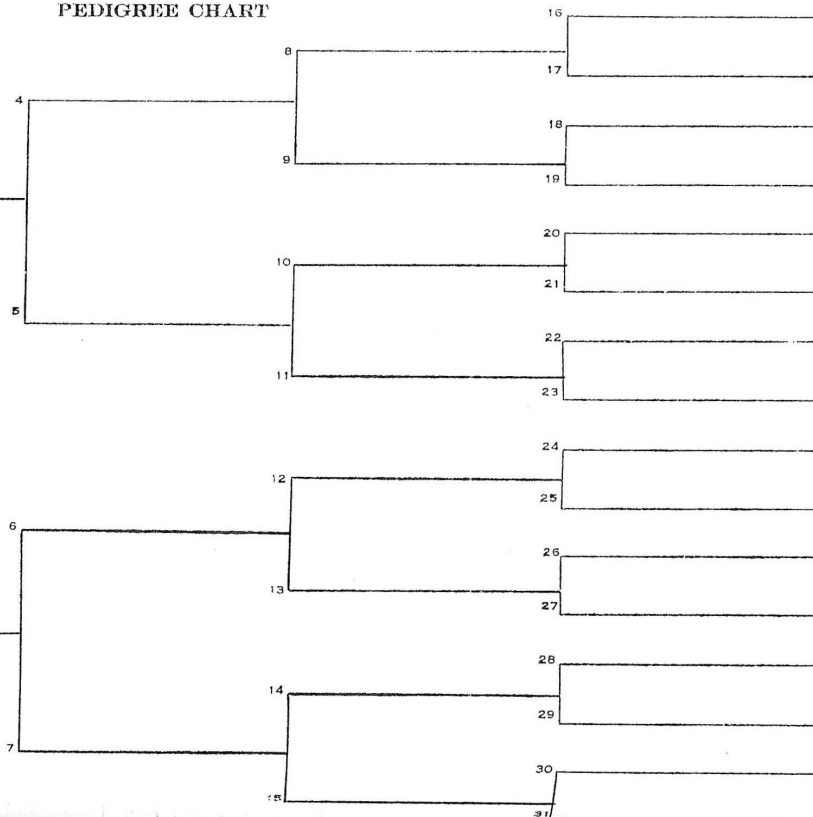


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Name of Husband

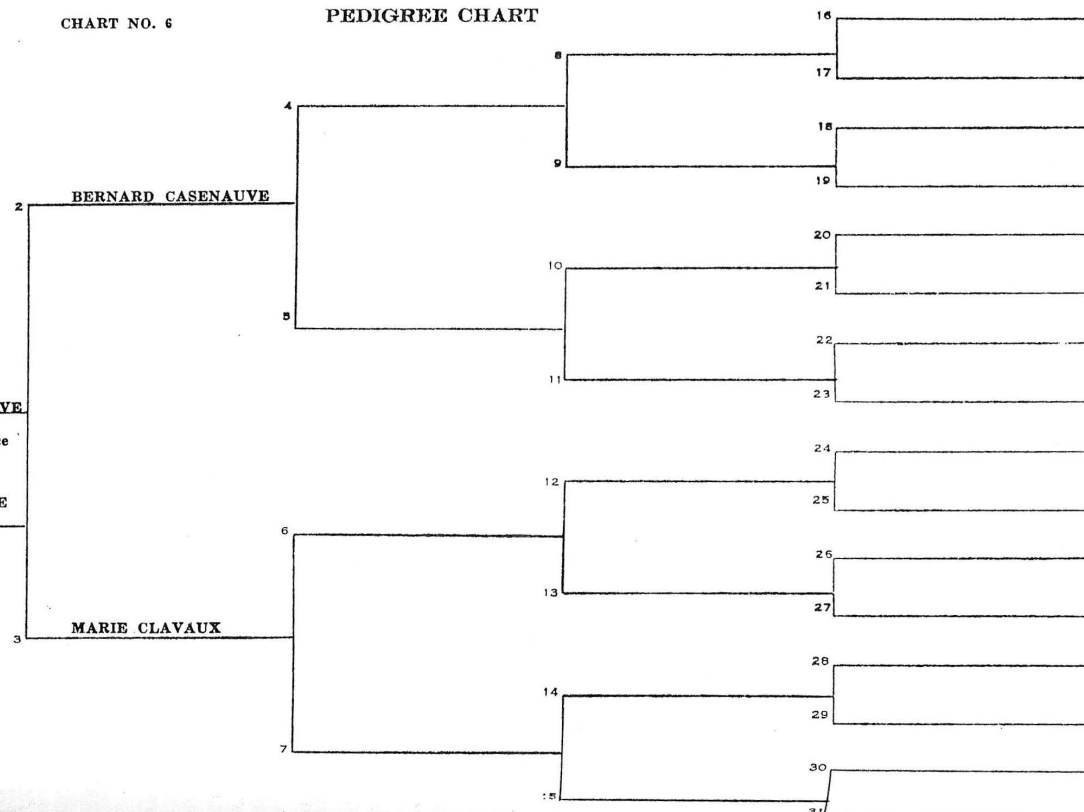




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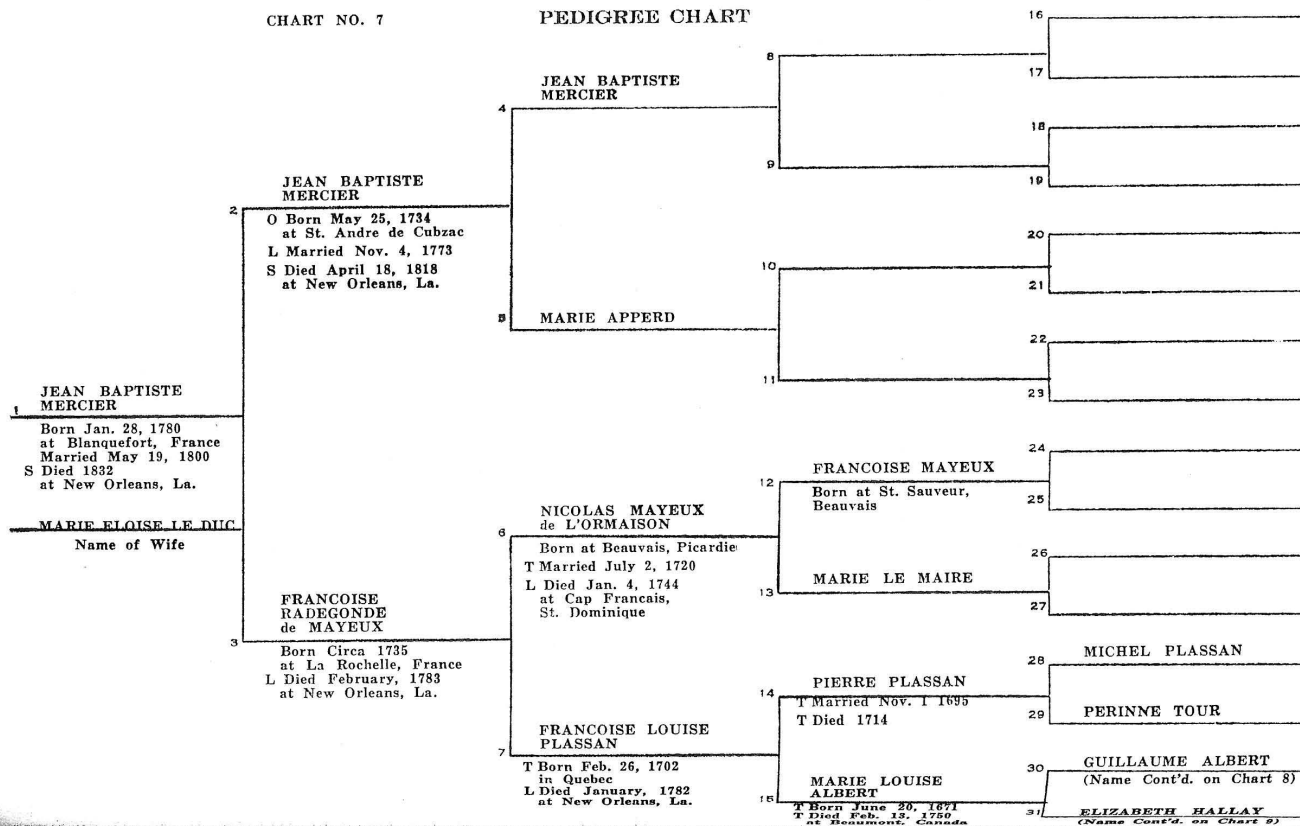


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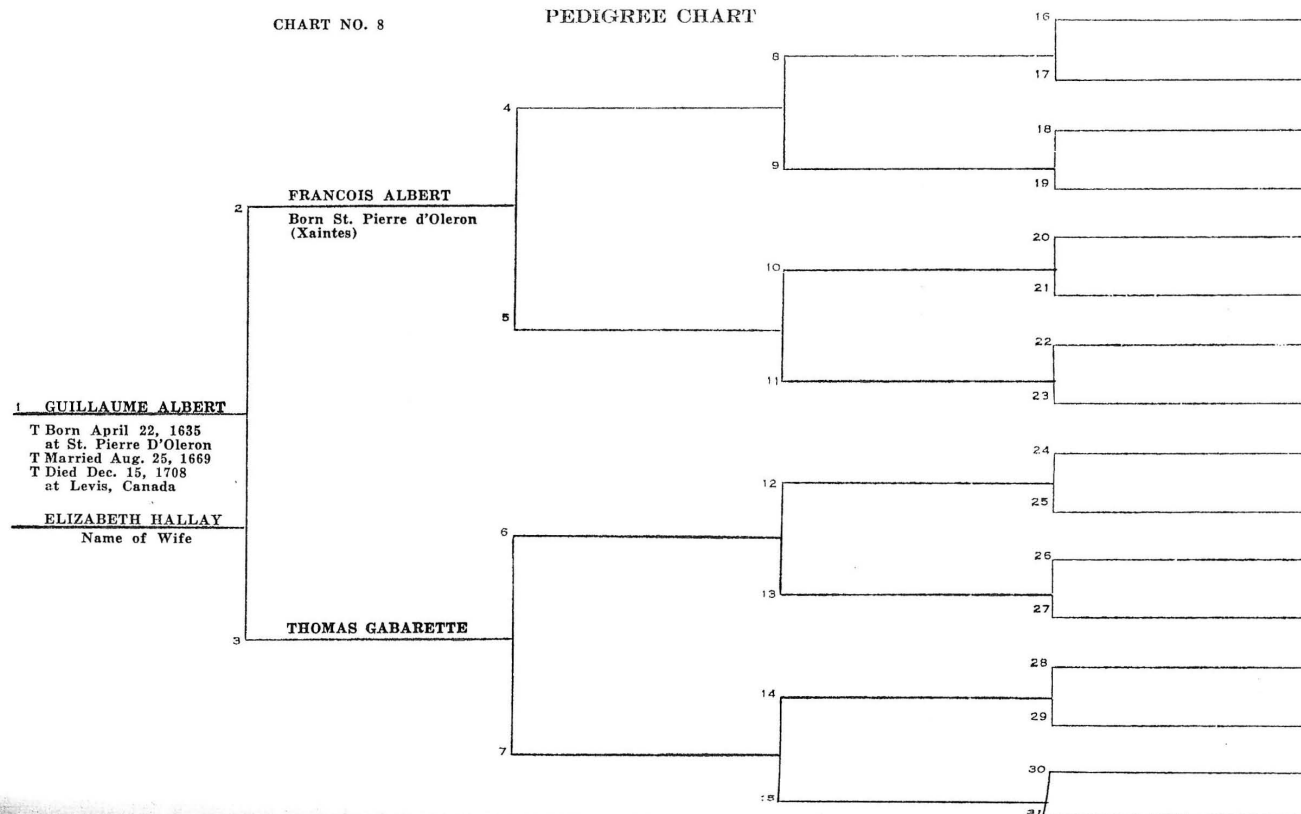


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1 ELIZABETH HALLAY  
T Born March, 1649  
in Canada  
T Died Aug. 9, 1726  
in Canada

GUILLAUME ALBERT  
Name of Husband

2 JEAN BAPTISTE HALLAY  
Born Circa 1598  
in France  
T Married 1632  
T Died March 19, 1672  
in Quebec

3 MATHURINE JALLET  
T Born 1607  
in France  
T Died March 16, 1686  
at Levis, Canada

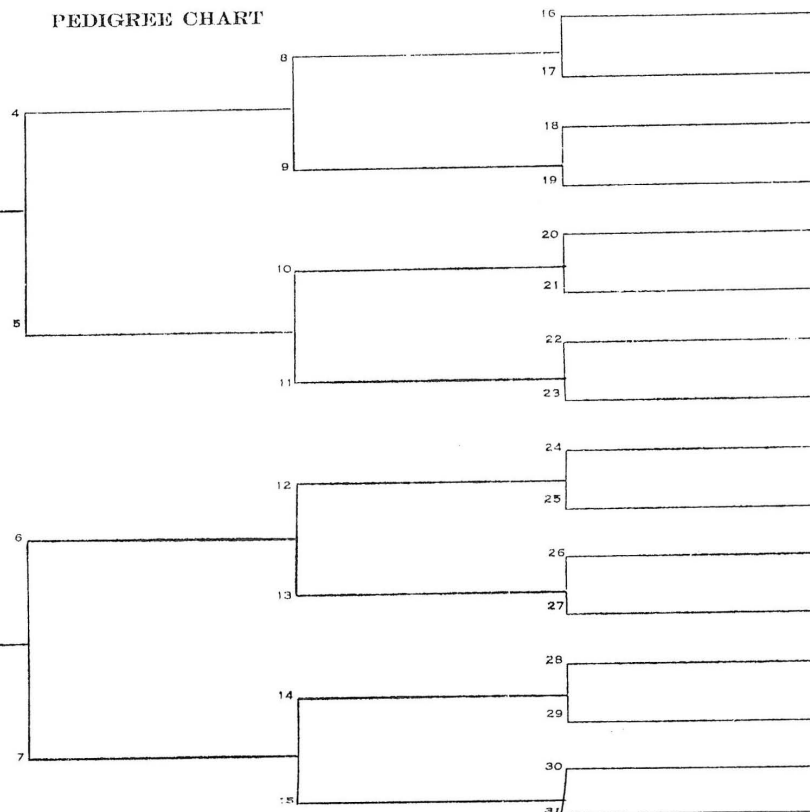


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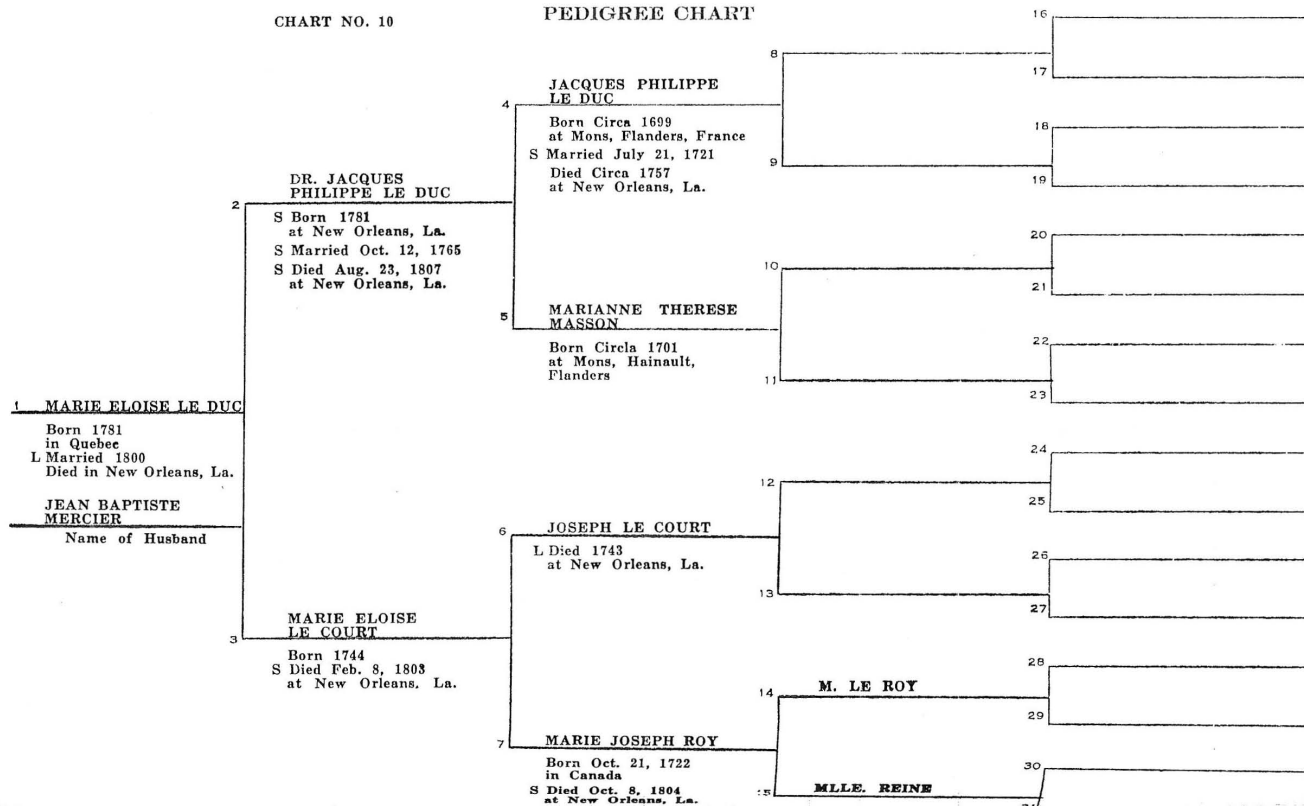




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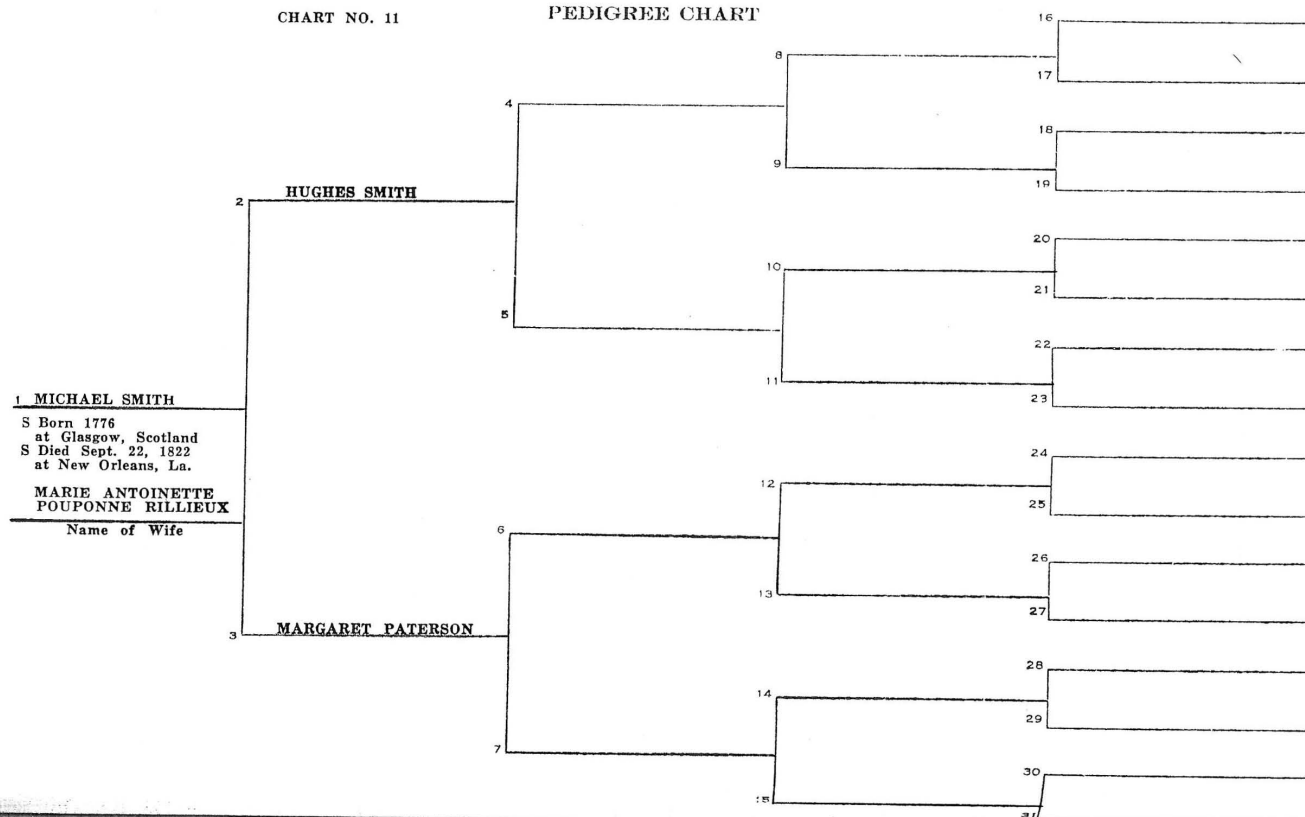
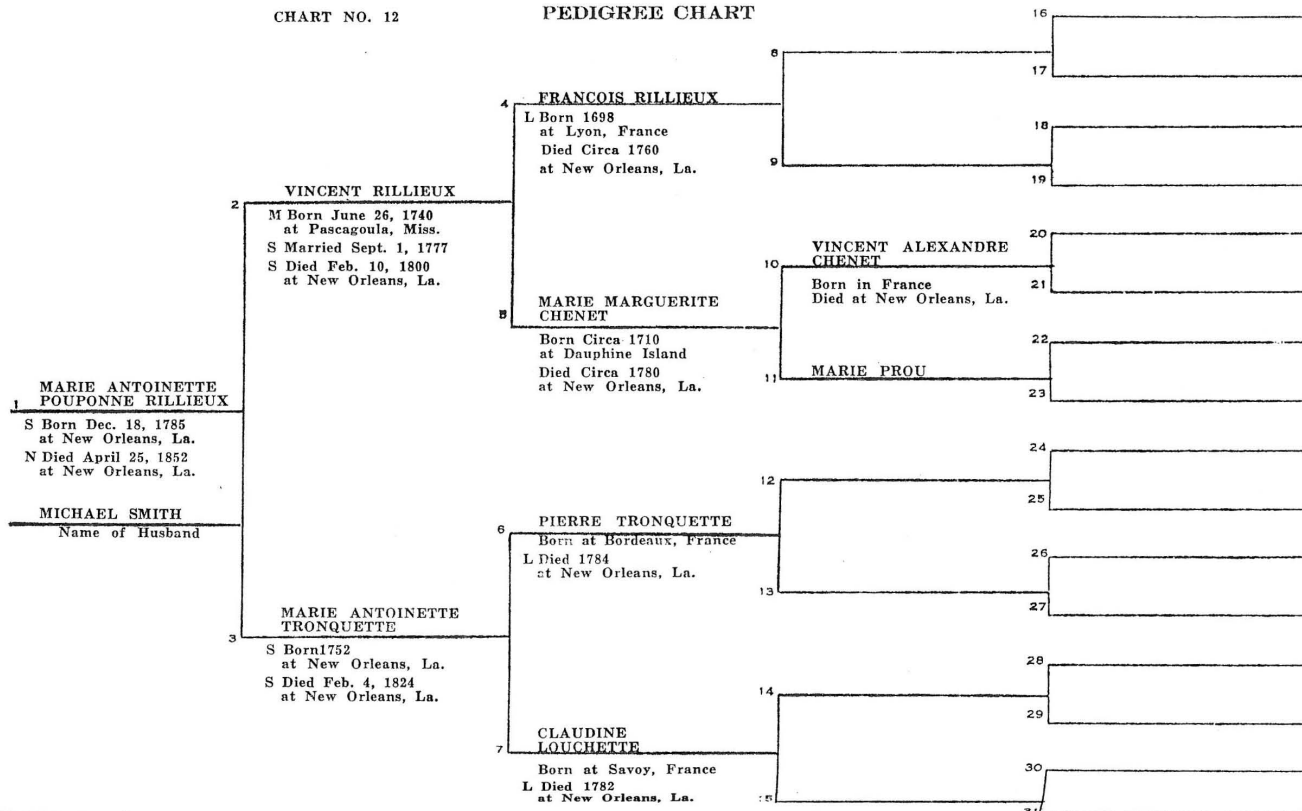


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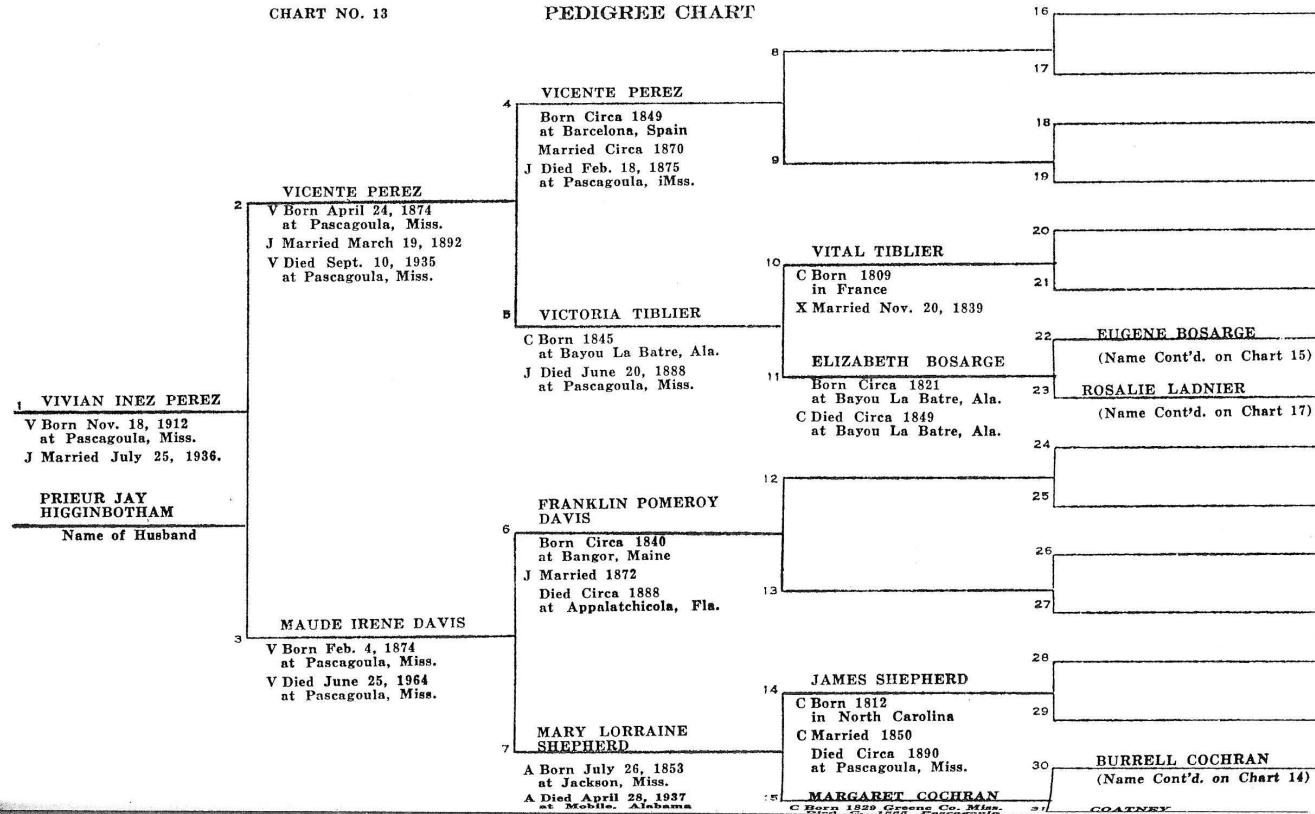


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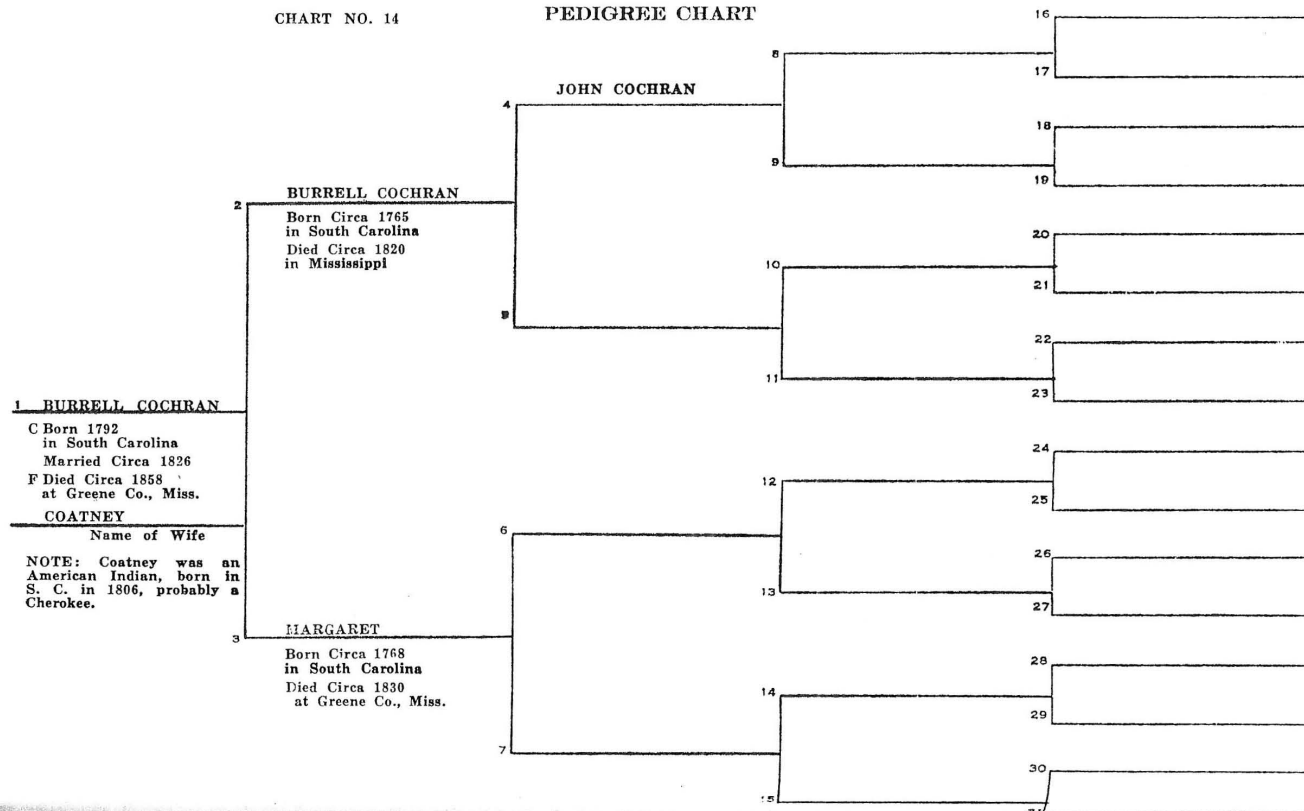




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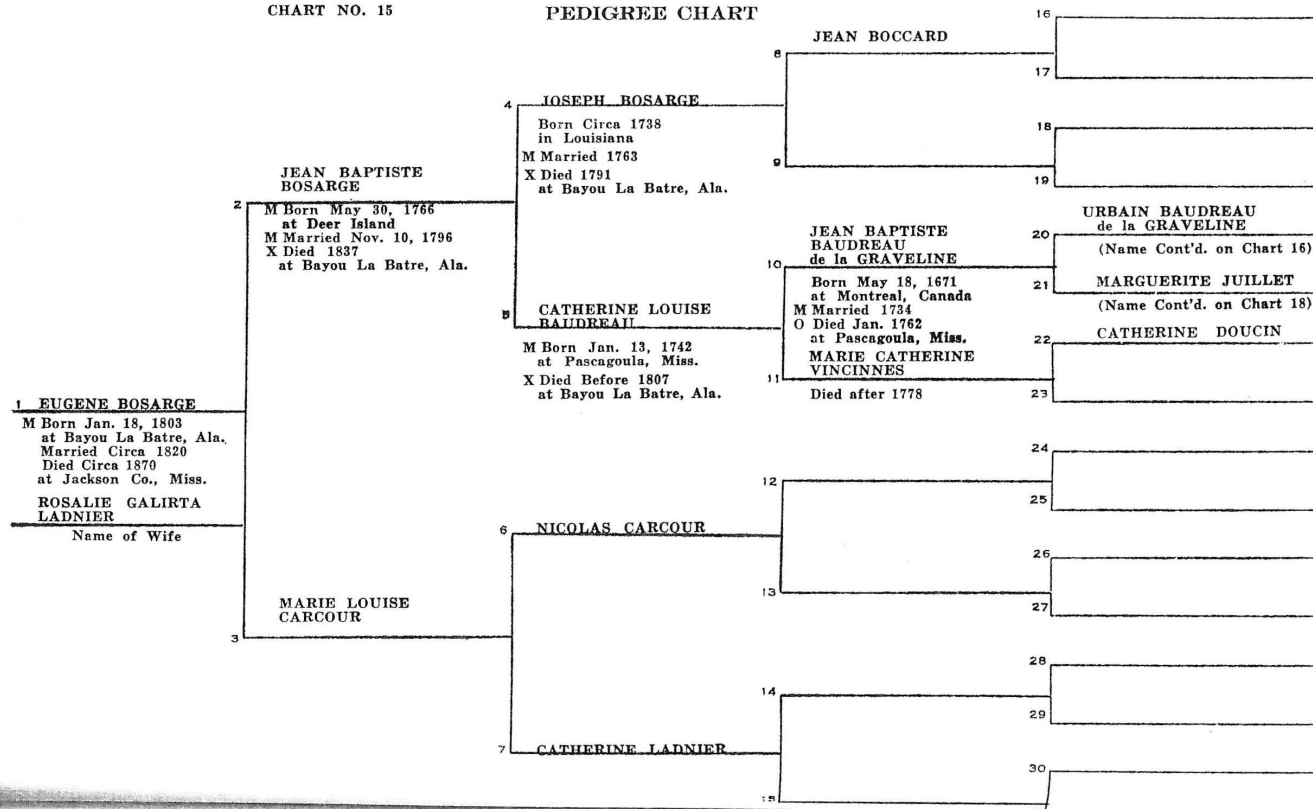


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1 URBAIN BAUDREAU  
de GRAVELINE  
T Born 1631  
at Gravelines, Flanders  
T Married Oct. 20, 1664  
T Died Jan. 25, 1694

MARGUERITE JULLET  
Name of Wife

2 JEAN BAUDREAU de  
GRAVELINE  
Born in Flanders, France

3 MARIE TOUREAU

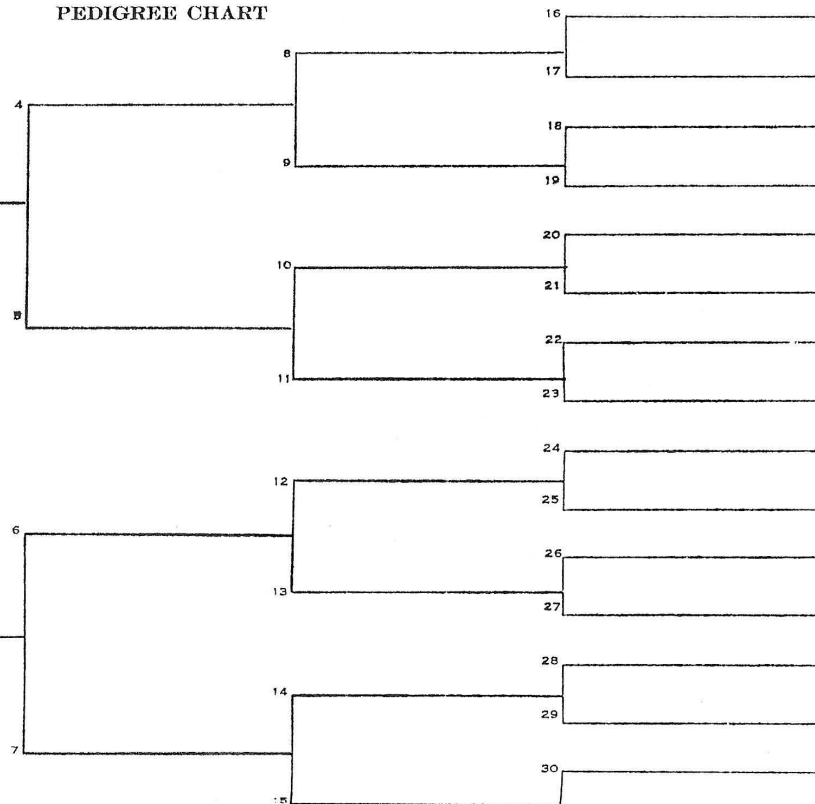


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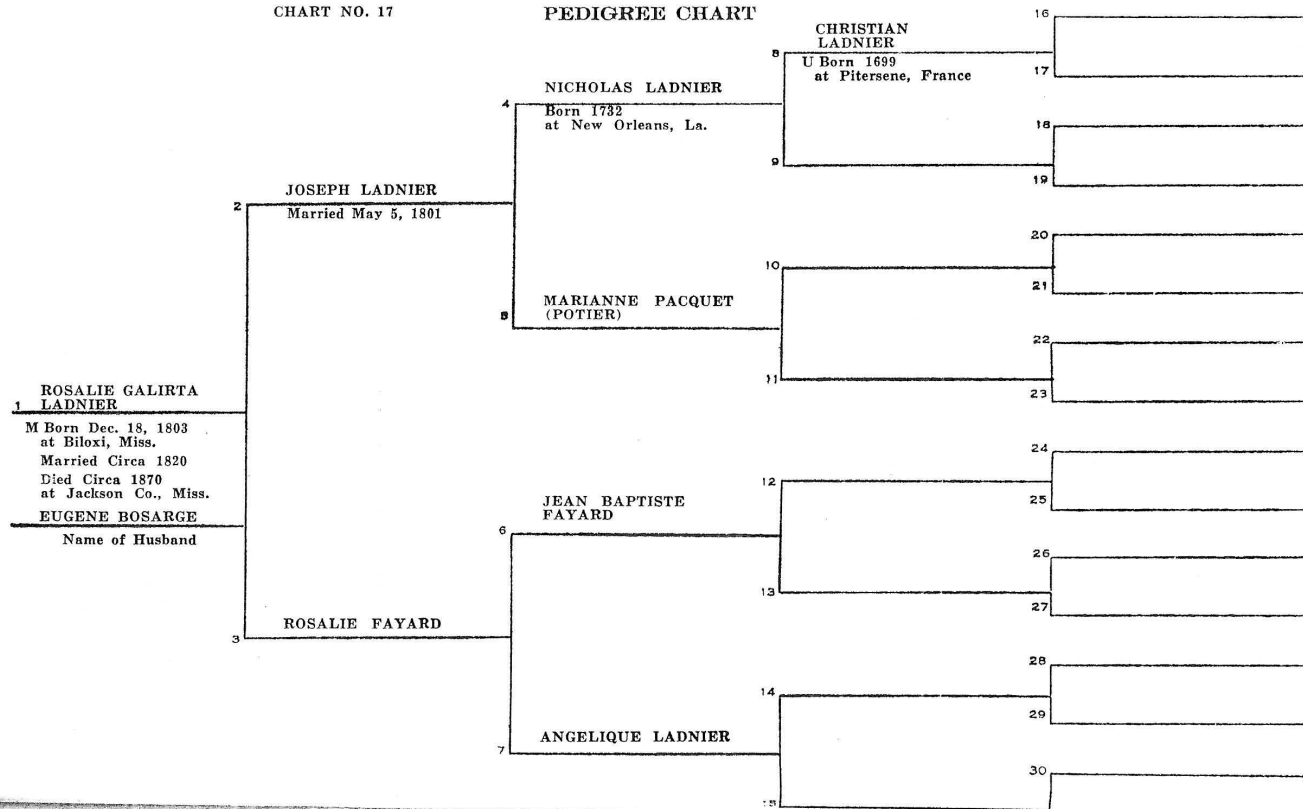
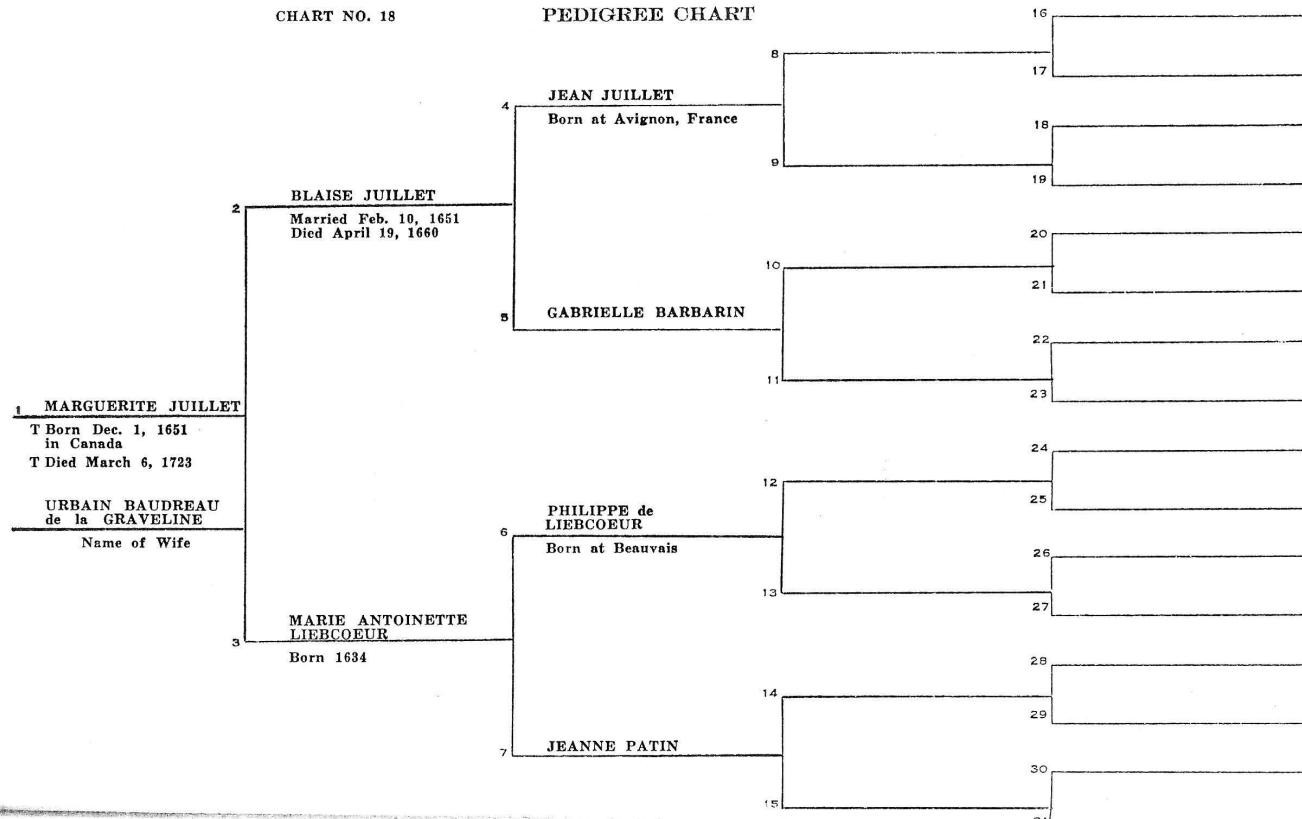


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MARIE ANTOINETTE  
POUPONNE RILLIEUX  
S Born Dec. 18, 1785  
at New Orleans, La.  
N Died April 25, 1852  
at New Orleans, La.

MICHAEL SMITH  
Name of Husband

VINCENT RILLIEUX  
M Born June 26, 1740  
at Pascagoula, Miss.  
S Married Sept. 1, 1777  
S Died Feb. 10, 1800  
at New Orleans, La.

MARIE ANTOINETTE  
TRONQUETTE  
S Born 1752  
at New Orleans, La.  
S Died Feb. 4, 1824  
at New Orleans, La.

FRANCOIS RILLIEUX  
L Born 1698  
at Lyon, France  
Died Circa 1760  
at New Orleans, La.

MARIE MARGUERITE  
CHENET  
Born Circa 1710  
at Dauphine Island  
Died Circa 1780  
at New Orleans, La.

PIERRE TRONQUETTE  
Born at Bordeaux, France  
L Died 1784  
at New Orleans, La.

CLAUDINE  
LOUCHETTE  
Born at Savoy, France  
L Died 1782  
at New Orleans, La.

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1 BURRELL COCHRAN

C Born 1792  
in South Carolina  
Married Circa 1826  
F Died Circa 1858  
at Greene Co., Miss.

COATNEY

Name of Wife

NOTE: Coatney was an  
American Indian, born in  
S. C. in 1806, probably a  
Cherokee.

2 BURRELL COCHRAN

Born Circa 1765  
in South Carolina  
Died Circa 1820  
in Mississippi

3 MARGARET

Born Circa 1768  
in South Carolina  
Died Circa 1830  
at Greene Co., Miss.

4 JOHN COCHRAN

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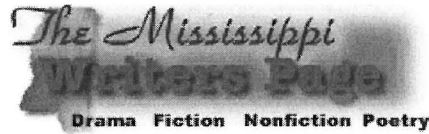
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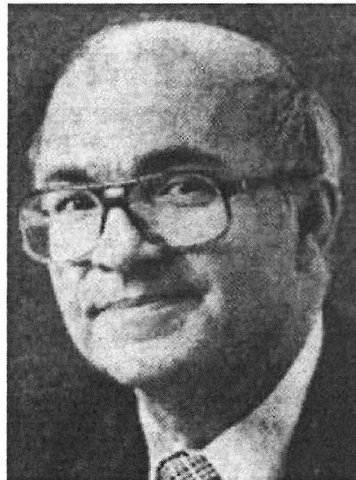
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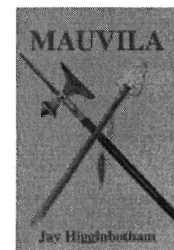
Jay Higginbotham

Jay Higginbotham is a prize-winning author and founder of the Mobile Municipal Archives. Born July 16, 1937, he grew up in Mobile and Pascagoula. Descended from one of the Deep South's most illustrious families, one which includes the Ambassador Pierre Soulé and the French impressionist Edgar Degas, he is a descendant on both his father's and mother's side of the founders of Mobile in 1702. After graduating from Ole Miss in 1960, Higginbotham attended the City College of New York and the American University in

Washington, DC. Serving briefly as Assistant Clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives, he taught for several years in the Mobile Public Schools, dividing his time between teaching, traveling and writing. In 1973, he became head of the Local History Department of the Mobile Public Library. Several years later, he organized the Mobile Municipal Archives and became its first director..

In the 1960's he traveled through forty-two countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. After a trip around the world in 1966, during which he climbed Mt. Fuji in Japan, crossed Asia on the Trans-Siberian Railway, scaled Mt. Olympus, and swam the Nile River, he began his writing career, the result of which has been seventeen books and numerous articles in newspapers, magazines and journals. He has received five literary awards, including the Gilbert Chinard Prize, the L. Kemper Williams Prize, and the Alabama Library Association

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Award.

His *Old Mobile* (1977) became a classic in Southern history, receiving praise in a number of scholarly journals, including the *Journal of American History*, the *American Historical Review*, *Revue Historique* (Paris), the *Geographical Journal* (London) and the *Revista de Historia Militar* (Madrid). His *Fast Train Russia* was first published in the USSR in 1981, and the American edition (Dodd, Mead, 1983) was enthusiastically received in such publications as *The New Yorker*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Kirkus Reviews* and the *Library Journal*.

Other of his works — poems, speeches, essays and articles — have been translated into 27 languages, including Arabic, Japanese and Chinese, and have been sold and distributed in 128 countries.

Shortly after the American publication of *Fast Train Russia* in 1983, Higginbotham joined the international peace movement and returned to Russia. After meeting with Giorgi Arbatov, Premier Chernenko's chief advisor, and speaking on Radio Moscow and Soviet national television, he donated blood on Sputnik Day and made a widely circulated statement for peace in a public ceremony broadcast worldwide.

The following year Higginbotham returned to Russia as a guest of Progress Publishers (which subsequently published two of his books) and made 37 speeches advocating reconciliation in a whirlwind tour across Russia from Vladivostok to Brest. His Fourth Of July speech in Khabarovsk — "America Enlightening the World" — was broadcast throughout Russia and the Far East and his "Letter To President Reagan" was published in *Moscow News* and numerous international publications.

On his 1984 trip to Russia, Higginbotham met and became friends with Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko. Yevtushenko later visited Higginbotham several times in Mobile, and together they appeared in concert in numerous Southern cities.

Before leaving Russia in 1986, Higginbotham

of the possible locations of the battle of Mauvila, which took place on Oct. 18, 1540, between Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto and Indian chief Tascalusa.

Higginbotham's book ***Mauvila*** is the first complete book on the battle, described by some historians as the most decisive conflict in North American history.

spoke to the City Council of Rostov, out of which came a remarkable but controversial sister-city relationship between Mobile and the Black Sea port.

In June 1993, Higginbotham traveled to Havana and met with Mayor Pedro Chávez and other city officials. Returning to Mobile, he organized and became president of the Society Mobile-La Habana, after which Mobile and Havana became the first sister city between municipalities in Cuba and the United States. Later, he addressed the Cuban mission at the United Nations in New York, as well as the U.S. Congress, spoke on radio Havana and addressed the VI Ibero-American Solidarity Convention in Havana.

In addition to his writings and efforts in behalf of world peace, Higginbotham has been active in Mobile's community affairs, having worked extensively with the Red Cross and having served as chairman of numerous boards and commissions, including the Old Mobile Project, Friends of Freedom, the Mobile Assembly of Sages and Savants, the Old Shell Road PTA, and the Mobile Tricentennial, Inc., of which he was founder and first president. In 1995, he addressed the World Future Society in Atlanta on the subject of "Reshaping the Olympics," after which he was interviewed on CBS. He has appeared on NBC's *Today Show* and *Real Life* programs as well as on radio and TV programs in Canada, Cuba, Argentina, and throughout Europe and Asia.

In 1991, he was awarded the Mobile Scroll of Merit Award. He has written for the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, for *Funk & Wagnall's* and is listed in *Contemporary Authors*, *Outstanding Young Men in America*, *Who's Who in America*, *International Authors and Writers Who's Who*, and the *Dictionary of International Biography*.

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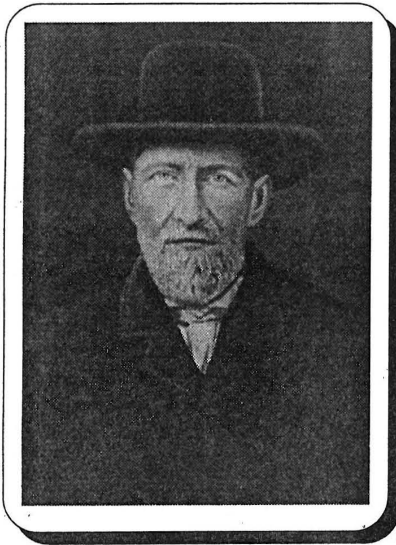
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descendants of  
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This book is more than a compilation of information, it is enhanced by family pictures "here and there". Church records and / or court house marriage dates are given when known,

This volume contains 730 pages on acid-free paper. Indexed by surname, 8 1/2 x 11, and has a laminated cloth cover, with the **Higginbotham Coat of Arms** on it.

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**H7-6 Nelson N. Higginbotham**, born 11 Sept 1843 at Lafayette, Louisiana, where he died 13 July 1933. He **married (1)** 16 Jan 1866, Anastasie Broussard, [LAF CT HSE MAR, #407] and [YOUNGSVILLE CH, V.1, P. 27] she was born ca 1840, the daughter of Don Louis Broussard and Anastasie Landry. Anastasie died 19 Jan 1880, she is buried in St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery at Youngsville, Louisiana.

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**Higginbotham  
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Jay Higginbotham will speak on the topic "Old Mobile, People and Crisis" at the Oct. 10 meeting of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel.

Higginbotham, a native of Pascagoula, Miss., studied at the University of Mississippi, New York City College and American University of Washington, D.C.

A former teacher and head of the special collection division of the Mobile Public Library, Higginbotham now serves as Mobile's director of archives.

He is author of 11 books and numerous articles, and his works have been translated into 17 languages. His book "OLD MOBILE, FORT LOUIS de la 'LOUISIANE, 1702-1711," (published in 1977 about the French colonial settlement) has received five literary awards.

Reservations for the meeting are due by Oct. 8. Call 432-6161 for information.

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Jean Baptiste Baudreau de Graveline

Born May 18, 1671 at Montreal, he was the son of Urbaine Baudreau and Marguerite Juillet. As a Private in the Canadian Army, he was first stationed at Rochefort and sailed with Iberville aboard LA RENOMEE in 1699, landing at Biloxi Bay, and was among those first pioneers who established Fort Maurepas.

In 1702, he moved to Fort Louis on the Mobile River and had a home between Bienville and Jean Baptiste Saucier. Later he moved to Dauphin Island and by a land grant awarded to him by the Grand Director of Louisiana on April 24, 1719, and signed by Bienville, he obtained a huge concession that stretched from Pascagoula River to the Bay of Biloxi.

In 1734, he married Marie Catherine Vincennes, step-daughter of Joseph Simon de la Pointe and by the dowry became one of the wealthiest planters on the Gulf Coast. Later, he obtained considerable estates at Pensacola, New Orleans and Cat Island.

Graveline died in January, 1762 at his estate on the Pascagoula River at the ripe old age of 91.



## Edgar Degas

Born in Paris on July 19, 1834, Degas became the most celebrated French painter of his time.

At an early age, he became a pupil of LaMothe and studied at the Beaux Arts in Paris, after which he went to live with his family in New Orleans, where he produced most of his many memorable portraits.

Degas was the most versatile of the French impressionists, having worked in pastel, etching, dry paint and stone engraving, producing numerous interiors of theaters and cafe consorts, foyers of the opera, views of the circus and of the dancers. And all with a masterly touch. In order to say what he wanted, he was obliged to master the human figure and this he did with the thoroughness of the ancients. In pure draftsmanship, he was unequalled.

Degas was the great-grandson of Vincent Rillieux, a famous old soldier of the Gulf Coast.

In September, 1917, he died in Paris and was buried among the greatest names of France.

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## William Freret

The tenth Mayor of New Orleans, he was born in the Crescent City in 1799, the son of James Freret and Eugenie Rillieux.

Freret early displayed an interest in mechanics and was sent to England where he was trained by distinguished engineers. He returned to New Orleans with a stock of knowledge possessed by few persons at that time, which aided him when he succeeded to his father's business of compressing for shipment abroad. The Freret Cotton Press was one of the first enterprises of that kind started in the city.

During these years, Freret was connected with the old Whig Party. He was an ardent and devoted friend of Henry Clay.

After his marriage to Fanny Salkold, of Liverpool, England, he entered politics and was elected the tenth Mayor of New Orleans, in 1840. Freret was one of the most efficient of New Orleans' mayors. He supervised all public works personally. Free public schools had their origin during his administration and he vastly improved the city's prisons.

He died on June 14, 1864, and is buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

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### Harold White Gautier

Born in West Pascagoula on October 7, 1893, he was the only child of Eugene Gautier and Palmyre White. After attending the Pascagoula schools, Gautier received his B.A. degree from Ole Miss in 1914, and an L.L.B. degree in 1915. During World War I, he was Company Commander of the Pascagoula brigade in France and eventually attained the rank of Colonel in the National Guard.

Returning to Pascagoula, he began a law practice which spanned half a century, being associated, for a time, with Ebb and James Ford. He was City Judge of Pascagoula and at various times served as City Attorney for Pascagoula and Moss Point.

From 1940-1944, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi, being appointed by Governor Paul Johnson.

Although highly respected as an attorney, Gautier was unsuccessful as a political candidate, having lost campaigns for District Attorney and Mayor of Pascagoula. In 1948, he led a fight against the candidacy of Dixiecrat Fielding L. Wright for Vice-President, despite the fact that he was a personal friend of the Governor and a colonel on his staff.

Independent and outspoken, Gautier was a vigorous crusader against corruption and bigotry. In addition to his public service, he was widely known for his hunting and fishing prowess and his ability as a raconteur was legendary.

In 1920, he married Pearl Gessman, and he died in Pascagoula on July 9, 1965.

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### Jesse Higginbotham

Born January 4, 1868, at Limrock, Alabama, he was the son of Charles William Higginbotham and Melissa Bowling.

After his parents died an early death, he left the farm and went west for a few years. In Texas, he became a refrigeration engineer and settled in Pascagoula in 1899.

In 1910, he married Anirah Denise White, daughter of Denis Prieur White and Felicie Jeanne Mercier, at the home of Dr. Sidney Mercier in New Orleans.

Jesse served on the Pascagoula School Board from 1917 until 1919, and was elected City Commissioner in 1918, a post he held for eight years.

In 1926, he resigned to become Director of the power and light company, serving until his retirement in 1940.

He died on September 22, 1943, and is buried at the Old Spanish Fort Cemetery.



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### Gen. John Carleton Higginbotham

Son of William Thomas Higginbotham and Mary Frances Riley Coleman, he was born in Virginia on August 19, 1818.

A student at Lynchburg College when the Civil War began, Higginbotham joined the Confederate Army as a Captain in 1861. In 1862, he was promoted to Major and then to Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1863, after the battle of Chancellorsville, he was promoted to Colonel.

Gen. Higginbotham was wounded seven times and was at last killed at the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House on May 10, 1864, while commanding the 25th Virginia Regiment, Jones Brigade, before his commission as Brigadier-General reached him.

He was unmarried.

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### Robert Higginbotham

Born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1754, he was the son of Moses Higginbotham and Frances Kyle and the great-great-great-grandfather of Prieur Jay Higginbotham, Sr.

At an early age, he went to Tazewell County, Virginia and settled on a large plantation at Liberty Hill.

When the Revolutionary War began, Robert joined the Washington County Colonel's Army. He was in Captain James Dysart's Light Horse Company under command of Col. William Campbell. With these men, he fought in the decisive Battle of King's Mountain.

In 1813, he took his wife, Nancy, and eleven children and went to Huntsville, Alabama. He died in Huntsville in October of 1825.

### Dr. Jacques Philippe Le Duc

Son of Jacques Philippe Le Duc and Marianne Therese Masson, Dr. Le Duc was born in New Orleans in 1728.

One of the leading surgeons of old New Orleans, most of his work, other than his private practice, was concerned with Charity Hospital for which he served as Head Surgeon for many years.

In 1789, was was Superintendent of Charity Hospital and later Surgeon Doctor for the Royal Hospital in charge of all major operations.

In 1792, he became Head Surgeon for the Hospital St. Charles, and was one of five founders of the College of Orleans in 1805.

In 1804, Governor Claiborne appointed him to the Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Le Duc was the father of several children, having married Marie-Joseph le Court on October 12, 1765. He died in New Orleans on August 23, 1807.

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### Dr. Alfred Mercier

The foremost French-American author, Mercier was born in New Orleans on June 3, 1816, the son of Jean Baptiste Mercier and Marie Eloise Le Duc. At the age of 14, he entered Lycee Le Grand Louis a Paris. After graduation he entered the Law School in Paris, but later turned to literature.

He returned to Louisiana in 1838, and spent some time in Boston during which he perfected his knowledge of English.

Returning to Paris, he published an Oriental story in verse, "La Rose du Smyrne" in 1840, and "L 'Emite du Niagra," a mystery play.

In the next few years, Mercier traveled extensively in Europe and composed the drama, "Hedock Edesias," which was lost during the Revolution of 1848. After the Revolution, he studied medicine and returned to New Orleans to practice.

He disapproved of slavery, but considered the Civil War as a triumph for Anglo-Saxon Civilization and urged France to join the Confederacy's cause.

After the war, he returned to New Orleans to continue his medical practice but continued his writing.

"LeFou de Palerme" appeared in 1873.

In 1876, Mercier founded the Athenee Louisianais, a society for the preservation of the French Language.

Of his later works, "Emile des Ormiers," the story of a Parisian painter, and the drama "Fortunia" have had the most enduring fame.

Besides Latin and Greek, Dr. Mercier knew five other languages, and was called by the Historian, Dr. Alcee Fortier, "the most learned man ever to live in Louisiana."



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### Armand Theodore Mercier

Born in New Orleans on December 11, 1881, he was the son of Dr. Sidney Mercier and Irene Yenne and the grandson of Dr. Armand Mercier.

He was educated at Rugby Military Academy in New Orleans and graduated from Tulane in 1903, with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 1907, Mercier married Helen Ferris.

He began his career with the Southern Pacific Railroad after graduation from Tulane. He became President of San Diego and Arizona Railroad in 1921, and served until 1929.

In 1938, he served as Vice-President of the Southern Pacific Railroad and served until he assumed the Presidency of the railroad in 1941, a post he kept during the crisis years of World War II until his retirement in 1951.

Mercier was a Republican, an Episcopalian and President of the California Chamber of Commerce.

He died in San Francisco on November 21, 1957.

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### Dr. Charles Sidney Mercier

The son of Dr. Armand Mercier, he was born in New Orleans on March 31, 1854. He graduated from Spring Hill College in Mobile and then finished Tulane Medical School.

After finishing Medical School, he married Irene Hooper Yenne and began his practice in New Orleans.

During the great Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1878, soon after he entered practice, he enlisted with the Howard Association and served in various towns in the South.

During World War I, he was a member of the Medical Service Corps.

Dr. Mercier was the father of one son, Armand Mercier, who became President of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

On September 24, 1926, he died in New Orleans after practicing medicine there for 47 years.

### Jean Baptiste Mercier

Born at St. Andre de Cubzac, near Bordeaux, France, in 1734, he was the son of Jean Baptiste Mercier and Marie Apperd.

In 1765, he emigrated to New Orleans and became the progenitor of the Mercier family. During these early years, he was a well-to-do planter, but not fabulously wealthy. However, on November 4, 1773, he married Francoise Radedonde de Mayeaux, step-daughter of Jean Baptiste Prevost, one of the wealthiest men in all of Louisiana, who had bequeathed most of his wealth to her.

In the late 1700's, he built the Mercier Mansion, a luxurious old place which still stands in the Vieux Carre at 630 St. Peter Street.

He died in New Orleans on April 18, 1818.

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### Dr. Placide Jules Armand Mercier

Born August 13, 1813, he was the son of Jean Baptiste Mercier and Marie Eloise De Luc. Mercier was schooled at Lycee Louis le Grand a Paris, after which he went to the University of Paris Medical School and studied under the celebrated Valpeau.

After receiving his degree, he returned to New Orleans and began a practice that spanned half a century.

A member of the Board of Aldermen of Charity Hospital, he was a charter member of the Medical Society of Louisiana, organized in 1843. As a surgeon, he originated many new techniques and was reputed to be the first in medical history to disarticulate the bone without lesion to the facial nerve.

Dr. Mercier was intensely interested in literature and the Government of France named him Officer de L'Instruction Publique in 1881, in tribute to his work in L'Athenee Louisianais of which he was the first president.

Of fiery convictions, he was passionately devoted to the Confederate cause and refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States after Butler had captured New Orleans.

In about 1840, he married Marie Antoinette Corrine Smith and his home and office were on Canal Street.

He died in New Orleans in September, 1885.

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### Denis Prieur

Born in Santo Domingo in 1791, he came to New Orleans that same year with his parents, Prosper Magloire Prieur and Marie-Jeanne Felicite Casenauve.

In the War of 1812, he fought with Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans, after which he entered politics and made a rapid rise. He served as collector of the customs for several years before being elected Mayor of New Orleans in 1828.

Prieur was elected continuously until 1838, and served longer than any other Mayor.

He founded the Democratic Party in Louisiana and was host to President Andrew Jackson when he visited New Orleans.

He ran for Governor of Louisiana but was defeated after a duel in which he killed U. S. Senator George Waggaman.

Prieur was a man of chivalrous instincts, a noble type of his race. He was popular with all classes of society, brave to a fault, charitable to the needy and when he died, on November 9, 1857, his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Louisiana.

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### Prosper Magloire Prieur

Born in Paris on October 22, 1753, he was the son of Jacques Prieur and Marie Madeline Bourgeois.

In the 1780's, Prieur settled in Santo Domingo and became a wealthy landowner.

He married Marie Jeanne Felicite Casenauve, and had two sons, Denis and Alexandre.

When the revolution broke out in Santo Domingo, Prieur fled to New Orleans where he soon acquired considerable property in Vieux Carre.

He died in New Orleans on July 10, 1820.



### Francois Rillieux

Founder of the Rillieux family in Louisiana, he was born in France in 1698.

He married Marie Marguarite Chenet, became a Captain in the French Army and came to New Orleans in 1720 aboard the ship "La Driade" with six other passengers.

In the early 1720's, he acquired land in New Orleans, Mobile, Biloxi and Pascagoula, where he was one of eleven landowners on the Pascagoula River in 1726.

In 1740, he was living in Pascagoula where his son, Vincent, was born.

In 1738, he was living at Fort Conde in Mobile.

It is supposed that Captain Rillieux died in a hunting accident in Biloxi about 1760, although this is not certain.

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### Vincent Rillieux

Born in Pascagoula in 1740, he was the son of Francois Rillieux and Marie Marguerite Chenet.

Called "The Old Pirate," he began a brilliant career in the French Army at an early age.

In 1770, at the Battle of Baton Rouge, Rillieux was commanding a ship of war, along with a small band of Creoles. He heard that an English sloop was expected at Manchac and devised a plan to capture it. He formed entrenchments with trees and concealed his men. As soon as the English were near enough Rillieux and his men fired upon them and uttered loud shouts. The English, thinking that a large force was opposed to them, ran below deck and Rillieux and his 13 men made prisoners of about 70 British soldiers and sailors.

Besides his home in New Orleans where he built and lived in the old building that is now Brennan's Restaurant, Rillieux lived in Mobile, Pascagoula, Biloxi and owned most of the land in the Pearl River Basin. His great-granddaughter became the Duchess of Rochefort and his great-grandson was the French painter, Degas. He died in New Orleans on February 10, 1800.

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## Pierre Soule

American statesman and diplomat, Soule was born in September, 1802, at Castillon, France. He received most of his education at Toulouse, having been interrupted in his studies at Bordeaux by an accusation of complicity in a plot against Louis XVIII, in consequence of which he was obliged to flee. Soon after his pardon in 1824, he was again exiled because of the publication of articles in the paper, "The Yellow Dwarf," derogatory to the ministers of Charles X. This time, he took up residence in America at New Orleans where he began his practice of law.

In New Orleans, he married Armatine Mercier, sister of Dr. Alfred and Dr. Armand Mercier and began a career in politics. He was elected U. S. Senator from Louisiana and was later appointed Ambassador to Spain by President Pierce. In Europe, Soule challenged the French Ambassador to a duel and maimed him for life. Later he drew up the famous Ostend Manifesto. When this declaration failed to meet administration approval, Soule resigned and returned to his law practice in New Orleans. During the Civil War, he was an aide to General Beauregard.

He died on March 26, 1870, in New Orleans.

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## Denis Prieur White

Born September 11, 1839, he was the son of George Winston White and Elizabeth Palmyre Prieur.

Shortly after he began his career in the cotton business, the Civil War erupted and he enlisted in the French Volunteers. After being wounded at Shiloh, he returned to Louisiana and after New Orleans fell, he went to Mobile, having joined the Washington Artillery.

On July 10, 1863, he was wounded at Williamsport, Maryland.

Throughout the war, he fought with distinction and finally surrendered with the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomatox.

After the war, he returned to New Orleans and married Felicie Jeanne Mercier, daughter of Dr. Armand Mercier.

In the 1880's, he took his family to live permanently in Pascagoula, Mississippi where previously he had a summer home for many years.

On March 24, 1889, his sailboat was caught in a storm off Petit Bois Island and he was drowned. He is buried in the Old Spanish Fort Cemetery.



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### Denis Prieur White, Jr.

Born in New Orleans on November 18, 1878, he was the son of Denis Prieur White and Felicie Jeanne Mercier.

After spending his boyhood in Pascagoula, Mississippi, he married Marie-Louise Reinecke and went to the Panama Canal Zone in 1910 to work on the construction of the Canal.

A dredging engineer, White was placed in charge of the dipper dredge Cascades in 1915. The Cascades was one of only five that size in the world and under his direction, moved nearly 50 million cubic yards of earth from the Canal.

His son, Prieur Alton White, became Chief of Maintenance of the Panama Canal in 1950.

After his retirement in 1942, White has been living in La Mesa, California.

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### George Winston White

Born in 1796, in Dublin, Ireland, he was the son of Daniel White and Marie Morghan. He came to New Orleans from Ireland in about the year 1820.

On December 8, 1925, White married Elizabeth Palmyre Prieur, sister of Mayor Denis Prieur.

A merchant by profession, he was Secretary of Atlantic Marine and Fire Insurance Company, Secretary of the New Orleans Savings Bank and the Citizens Bank of Louisiana. He was a director of the Louisiana State Insurance Company and secretary of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

He died on December 3, 1838, in New Orleans, leaving a widow and seven children.

### Prieur Alton White

The son of Denis Prieur White and Marie-Louise Reinecke, he was born in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on September 30, 1904.

He came to the Canal Zone at an early age with his father and attended the public schools there.

He joined the Dredging Division in 1925 and after a lengthy service became Superintendent of Dredging in 1950.

During White's service, the Panama Canal embarked on and completed its longest and largest project. This improvement, Project 13, spanning 2 decades, laid the groundwork for widening the canal channel from 300 to 500 feet.

White also deepened the Pacific entrance and Balboa Harbor 5 feet, dredging the 3rd locks entrance channels during World War II. He started the canal widening project in 1959.

Married to the former Matti Lee Brown, White is the father of two children and currently lives in Houston, Texas.

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### Otto Karl Wiesenburg

Born on August 1, 1911, at Rosedale, New York, the son of Adolf Johann Wiesenburg and Martha Mary Horwath, he attended the New York City Public Schools.

Joining the U. S. Coast Guard, he came to Pascagoula in 1931, where he educated himself in the Law. After passing the Mississippi Bar Exam, he began his practice in Pascagoula and on December 23, 1939, married Denise Higginbotham.

In World War II, he served in India, Burma and China, receiving the Bronze Star Medal and the Bronze Star Combat Medal.

Eventually, he was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve.

After a brilliant career as a trial lawyer, Wiesenburg was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1955, and served for eight years. During these years, he published two works of a critical nature: "Let's Look At Our Legislature," and "The Price of Defiance."

Although a bitter foe of the Sillers regime, he was successful in getting passed some of the most significant legislation in the history of South Mississippi.

He was the State Commander of the VFW in 1947 and 1948, City Attorney of Ocean Springs in 1951-53, City Attorney of Pascagoula for 1953-55, President of the Port Commission and the first Port Director, National Director of the Rivers and Harbors Congress and delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1956 and to Los Angeles in 1960.

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**WORK IN PROGRESS:** Reflections on the meaning of Christianity.

**SIDELIGHTS:** Paul Hiebert told CA: "I want merely to share with others laughter and insights into the meaning of life and the destiny of mankind. That is why I write humorous and

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PARRISH FAMILY!

As Christmas 1994 approaches, the Parrishes---John, Mary Kay, John Michael, and Robin---extend season's greetings and best wishes to you. We hope you have a joyous Christmas and a successful 1995. For the first time, we will celebrate Christmas without one of our children. John Michael, a graduate student at Cambridge University in England, will spend Christmas in England with the family of Adam Dunning, a friend John Michael met during the 1992-93 school year while JM studied at Regents Park College at Oxford. (Adam visited with us this past summer.)

John Michael is at Wolfson College at Cambridge working on a master's degree in Political Thought and Intellectual History. He should complete his work in July 1995 and return home. He hopes to enter a Ph.D. program in philosophy here in the U.S. next fall. JM graduated in May 1994 with a bachelor of arts degree (magna cum laude) from William Jewell College with a double major in history and philosophy. After graduation, he worked for eight weeks as an intern in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Senator David Boren (who left the Senate this fall to serve as president of the University of Oklahoma). From July through September, JM worked as a news reporter for the Shawnee News-Star.

Our daughter, Robin, is a senior at Shawnee High School. She was one of about a dozen SHS seniors who received academic letter jackets recently. In addition to being an outstanding student, she is involved in numerous school and church activities. This fall, Robin was nominated as a candidate for the football Homecoming queen. This was the third year in a row she has been nominated for Homecoming honors. Robin is currently trying to determine where she will go to school next fall. She is considering Oklahoma Baptist University, William Jewell, and Baylor University. This fall she took a couple of courses at OBU as a concurrent student.

*(Higginbotham) Parrish*  
Mary Kay has had a very active 1994, teaching theory at OBU and continuing to be very involved in handbell activities. Her OBU University Ringers toured in Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma in May and June. Her church choir, the Jubilation Ringers of University Baptist Church, toured in Canada in June. John spends most of his time trying to keep up with his job as senior vice president for business and external affairs at OBU. Mary Kay and John observed two significant anniversaries in 1994: 25 years of marriage and 30 years of employment at OBU.

The Lord has blessed us greatly in these years, and we are grateful.

*Sure will miss getting to see you guys.  
Maybe I'll get down in January or later  
in the Spring. (I've never gotten to see the  
baby, you know)  
Take care. Have a good Christmas -  
Love, MK*

*John and Mary Kay Parrish*



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**Les Cahiers de la Société Historique de la Vallée de Memramcook.** April 1997. C. P. 49, St. Joseph, NB E0A 2Y0. Contains maternal ancestors (DUPUIS) of dec. Msgr. Henri CORMIER, founder of l'Assomption Parish, PQ.

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**WANTED:** Parish History of Iberville published by Judy Riffel. Henri Champagne, 215 Bouchard Ave., Dracut, MA 01826

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**CORRECTION:** In the past when reviewing Tom LaForest's "Our Canadian Ancestors," I have mistakenly quoted the price as \$15.00. Please note that the current price is \$20.

**Pointe Coupée Documents, 1762-1803: A Calendar of Civil Records for the Province of Louisiana.** by Winston DeVille. 8-1/2 x 11, soft covers, 114 pp. Everyname index. Following 1992 courthouse fire in New Roads, Louisiana, many records were thought to be lost forever. This book lists titles of about 3,000 civil records for this period of time. Much of it is based on archives found only in Spanish Archives, unpublished. About 100 Spanish Land Grants for greater Pointe Coupée area, including False River, some from Baton Rouge, previously unpublished. Because of the condition of the documents, apparently, women's names are ambiguous. Available from Provincial Press, P. O. Box 589, Ville Platte, LA 70586-0589. Price: \$27.50, postpaid.

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Sept. 28, 1994

Dear Flora:

You asked me for some information about Louisa for the children's scrapbooks and I have listed some of her honors and activities that I remember. There are quite a few, as you can see, and you even know some that I'm not aware of.

Truthfully, though, I feel that just a mere listing of Louisa's awards and honors doesn't do her justice. Much more significant, I think, than the mere facts are the deeper truths about her life and career. And since I know her better than anyone else, it seems appropriate that I should mention them.

Louisa burst into my life on November 9, 1969 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Prichard. She played Fiona in the musical Brigadoon, directed by Father Zoghby, and from the moment I saw her act, sing and dance across the stage I was smitten. Her grace, poise and dazzling smile totally bewitched me.

It wasn't until some months later, however, that I found the right occasion to call her -- from the lobby of the Admiral Semmes Hotel -- to ask her to help me chaperon a dance. She was a little coy at first -- not knowing anything about me -- but we talked for nearly an hour about a number of different subjects, including art, music and hypnosis, and she finally accepted.

The dance was down at Bailey's near Fowl River and all the way down and back we talked and sang, and after that night we were inseparable. Two weeks later we were engaged, and three weeks after that we married at Twelve Oaks in Mobile.



As a wife, Louisa was a very loving, thoughtful person, loyal and supportive. And a delightful companion because she's intelligent, well-read, and both creative and analytical. She's also a wonderful conversationalist because she listens very carefully to everything the other person says and then thoughtfully replies. If she agrees, she says so, but if she doesn't, she's fearlessly truthful about it. All of these characteristics make her great company, the kind of person people love being with.

Aside from her charm, and personality, the most obvious thing about Louisa is her talent -- in almost everything she does. I was always amazed at her diving and swimming abilities -- she had the smoothest swimming stroke I ever saw and had she gone into strict training would surely have become an Olympic champion. Later, she took up tennis and after only a short time became a respectable player. When eventually she took up Tai Chi, an art that requires a variety of physical and mental skills, she quickly became an accomplished practitioner and master instructor.

Louisa is without question the most remarkable and the most talented person I ever met or even heard of. There seems no end to her abilities. Whatever she takes up, she succeeds at quickly and easily -- from dancing to singing and acting to writing and organizing to almost anything. In Carnival, she was a wonderful comedienne: as a writer, she published a number of poems in national magazines, and is an excellent essayist and prose writer: she also wrote a number of plays and pageants about the colonial era that were produced on stage. Moreover, I can't imagine a better editor for any book project than Louisa. She was the editor and key person and inspiration for all the books I wrote since 1970. None of the writing awards and prizes I won would have been possible without her.

As for art, once I was having trouble getting a front cover for a book I wrote. Several people tried their hand at it, but nothing worked. One afternoon Louisa whipped out an impressionistic painting that was absolutely perfect, even though she had never before worked in oils. I was amazed and, of course, highly elated, as was everyone else.

In addition to the arts, Louisa quickly mastered the computer, and set up advanced programs for Leinkauf School's administrative offices. She also set up a word-processing program to make it easier for me to work on my books. As a National Merit Scholar she was equally at home

in all subjects, ranging from literature to biology to organic chemistry, and she mastered them all.

Aside from her numerous talents, Louisa has served the community in varied ways: In addition to working with the Girl Scouts and La Leche League, she was also President of the P. T. A., President of the Monterey North Association and a valued member of the Dauphin Way Chancel Choir, the Old Dauphin Way Association, and the Board of Mobile's Singing Children. In addition, she has served as lecturer and instructor for the City of Mobile's continuing education program for a number of years.

Louisa was always highly organized; she attacked problems and situations head-on, with diligence, industry and intelligence. When she founded the Mobile Tai-Chi Center, she served as director, chief instructor, bookkeeper, treasurer and editor of the newsletter. While the center was in operation from 1989 to 1992, numerous students of all ages benefited from the center, receiving instruction in deep-breathing, self-defense, and meditation, and learning to live healthier, more fulfilling lives.

Aside from her talents as an organizer, musician, teacher, and artist, it is for her gifts as a mother that I remember Louisa best. When she became a mother, she approached that task with her usual diligence and enthusiasm: she would not only just be a mother, she would be the best mother possible. In this regard, she set about studying and reading to learn the best methods and techniques of child-rearing and she put them into practice. She decided that breast feeding was the best possible way to nourish a child, so she became an enthusiastic member of the La Leche League. She determined that natural childbirth produced a healthier baby, so she enrolled in natural childbirth courses. This was at a time when natural childbirth was not so readily accepted by doctors and hospitals, but Louisa was determined to have the best for her children and fought to have her requests granted.

As the children grew to maturity, Louisa gave them her undivided attention. She nursed them, played with them, taught them to love animals, took them for strolls to the park and saw that they were well-nourished in every way -- physically, mentally and spiritually. She took them to church, enrolled them in music programs, and read to them daily (and nightly). Most important of all, she gave them love, attention and plenty of tender care.

As a result of Louisa's sacrifices and care-giving, Jeanne, Denis and Robert became unusually healthy children. All learned to read early and were involved in various gifted children's programs. It was because of this upbringing that they (after encountering the various temptations facing today's teenagers) were -- unlike many of their peers -- able to overcome the challenges and difficulties of modern society. I remember thinking one time while watching her caring for the children: "What a great world it would be if every child could have a mother like Louisa."

The reason Louisa was such an outstanding mother was not only because of her many talents (many of which she passed on to her children), but because she was herself an outstanding example of what a person should be. And aside from everything else -- her talents, her beauty, grace and charm -- her most outstanding attributes were (and are) her character: her kindness, her honesty, her integrity and compassion. When I first met her she had rescued a stray, hungry kitten, and had lent one of her roommates a sizable amount of money to have an operation, even though she really couldn't afford it. Later, she rescued a homeless, wounded puppy and nursed her back to health. This dog, who Louisa named Floppy D. (Floppy Disk), became the beloved family pet for nearly a decade and today is a family legend. Moreover, Louisa was the principal caretaker for all the other kittens and cats we had through the years and she instilled in all our children a deep compassion and love for animals. It is this basic kindness and generosity, I think, more than anything else, that endears Louisa to her friends and family, and it is her striving to always do her best, her zest for life and passion for living that make her an inspiration to all who know her.

Love,

  
Jay



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## Higginbotham's addiction: Writing

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By BOBBIE THIBODEAUX  
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PASCAGOULA — The day before Jay Higginbotham planned to return to school for the second semester of law school, a neighbor offered him a teaching job.

"It hit me that if I did that nine months, I could write and travel three months."

He accepted the job.

"Writing is an addiction. I've been trying to quit for years, but every time I try to quit, I think of something else to write about," he said.

After teaching for nine years, the Pascagoula native became head of the local history department in the Mobile Public Library.

He left there to found and became the first director of the Mobile Municipal Archives, staying there 18 years until his recent retirement.

He continues to live in Mobile during the week, returning to Pascagoula on weekends to take care of his mother, Vivian Higginbotham.

Although he kept his office at the Mobile Archives after his retirement,

he doesn't do his writing there. He reserves that space for his work on numerous boards and commissions and other community affairs.

"My other office is at the Krystal. I find a booth and sit there and write. When I lived in Pascagoula, I did my writing at Cotita's, then at Hardee's. When they started closing at 5:00, I changed to Arby's."

He finds the atmosphere of a fast-food restaurant conducive to his creativity.

"I like the activity, the excitement. I usually work from about 6:00 to 9:00. There're not many people there at that time. I can always find a good table and fresh coffee. When I had kids at home, the TV and the telephone interfered, but a little noise spurs me on," he said.

It's easy for him to take his writing equipment along. He uses a pencil and a pocket-size notebook. When he is ready to submit his work to a publisher, he takes the pages to Jane and Mark Peterman of Curious Cat Productions in Gautier and they type it for him.

"I write a little bit of everything: novels, history, family biographies, adventure, short stories, poetry, travel, politics, and some 'faction' — that's history but it's also an extension of the facts," he said.

He has published 18 books, winning five literary awards. Since he always had a day job for financial support, he has never tried to produce blockbusters.

"Writing is too hard work to write just for money. I write what I'm interested in at the time," he said.

He formed the habit early of jotting down notes of his daily activities and thoughts in small notebooks. These journals come in handy when he writes about his own experiences or about places he has visited.

His first book about Russia, "Fast Train Russia," was based on a journal he had kept during a 1966 trip to the (then) Soviet Union.

While there, he rode the Trans-Siberian Main Line from the East Coast of Siberia to Moscow. During the 6,000-mile trip, covered in eight days, the train made only 75 stops, for about five to 15 minutes each.

"Before it came to a stop, everyone jumped off, and when it started again, nobody was on it. Everyone ran along beside it and climbed onto the moving train," he said.

A guide asked him how he liked the "fast train Russia." Since the train only averaged 28 miles per hour, he gathered she meant that it was an

express train — but the phrase stuck in his mind. Thirteen years later when he wrote about this trip, he titled the book "Fast Train Russia."

In 1979, a chance meeting with a Soviet author, Lev Knjazev, led him to write the book. The man offered to translate the manuscript into Russian if Higginbotham wrote about his experiences.

Higginbotham completed the project quickly, but then he ran into a snag. This was during the Cold War and every time he tried to mail the manuscript to Knjazev, it was "lost in the mail." Finally he decided to send one page at a time, in his letters.

The plan worked, and the book was published in 1983, first only in Russia, where it sold about 40,000 copies. When it was exhibited at the Moscow Book Fair, American publishers Dodd Mead picked it up and published it in English. It became his most successful book.

The year after that book came out, Higginbotham returned to Russia as a guest of Progress Publishers, who subsequently published two of his books.

During this trip in 1984, he made a whirlwind tour across Russia, delivering 37 speeches advocating recon-

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## Writing addiction

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ciliation, met with Premier Chernenko's chief advisor and became friends with Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko.

He was invited to sit in on a think tank, where they questioned him about how the free enterprise system worked.

"They seemed totally ignorant of how it operated and very nervous about what Reagan would do. There were a lot of mercenary people looking for money but a lot of true idealists," he said.

He wrote of this trip in "Autumn in Petrishchevo."

Currently he has three books in progress, two novels and one true story about Cuba.

The book about Cuba was inspired by a trip there last February. Mobile and Havana are sister cities, and he is the chairman of the Society Mobile-La Habana.

Movie producer Oliver Stone also was there at the time.

Higginbotham spoke at the National Assembly about the need for cooperation between the two governments for both, especially in the field of medicine.

"I spoke for five minutes. Another guy spoke after me for about three hours. Afterward I asked him how come I, a visitor, got to speak only five minutes and he, the host, three hours. The man chuckled. It was Fidel Castro," he said.

During his travels, Higginbotham climbed Mt. Fuji, scaled Mt. Olympus and swam in the Nile River. He considers the three most pleasant cities to visit Paris, Copenhagen and Havana, but the trip that remains his favorite is the one across Russia.

He still has a case of wanderlust.

"I would love to go to India and Bangladesh. Last year I

— Mr. and Mrs.



Special to The Pascagoula Press

**MAKING MUSIC** — Jay Higginbotham plays a duet with his mother, Vivian Higginbotham, a former teacher who was with the choir at First Baptist Church of Pascagoula for 73 years. "Mother wouldn't say I played the piano. She would say I banged on it," Higginbotham said.

would have loved to go to Iraq, but not this year," he said.

His books have been translated into 27 languages, including Arabic, Japanese and Chinese, and have been sold in 128 countries. He has written for the Encyclopaedia Britannica and for Funk & Wagnall's.

He has three adult children and one 8-year-old grandchild

who lives around the corner from him "close enough to spoil."

No matter what his day job, Higginbotham continues to write and travel. "I write almost every day, but writing is hard work. Even when you're not writing, you're thinking about what you're going to write," he said.

After 20 years

# Pas native tours Russia again on peace mission

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article is reprinted with permission from the July issue of *Mobile Bay Monthly*, and concerns Pascagoula native and Mobile resident Jay Higginbotham.

By SAM MAISEL

Special to the Press

**MOBILE** — A local resident delivered a Fourth of July speech this year — in Russia.

Mobile's director of municipal archives, Jay Higginbotham, gave this speech and several others, during his trip around the globe.

A similar trip 20 years ago provided the material for Higginbotham's popular book, *Fast Train Russia*, an account of his experiences riding the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Higginbotham rode 6,000 miles across Asia and into Europe aboard the train in 1966.

The Mobilian brought a special message to the Russian people while remaking his transSiberian odyssey. His speeches at famous World War II battle sites and other whistle stops stressed a sensible approach to common concerns. He told the Soviets, "The or-

dinary American in the United States desires peace and good relations as much as the ordinary Russian citizen."

Last year, in a demonstration of friendship and in remembrance of the time we faced a common enemy, Higginbotham donated blood while visiting the Soviet Union, an act which received considerable attention in the Eastern bloc, where people revere the heroes of World War II.

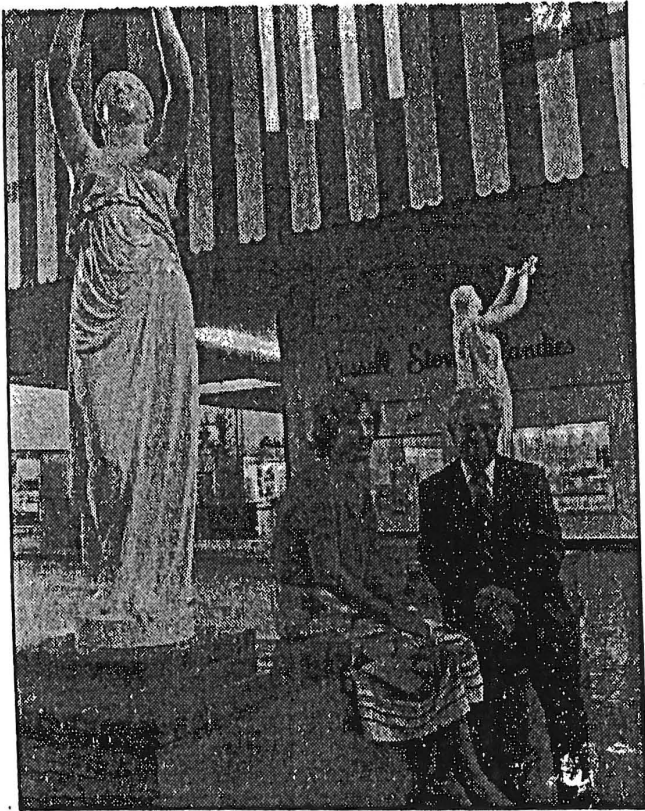
A second reunion of sorts was planned for this visit. While visiting the USSR in 1972, Higginbotham met a Russian described as the "Daniel Boone of

Siberia." This rugged individual rescued several downed U.S. pilots during the war and kept them safe from the enemy. He asked Higginbotham to locate these former servicemen when he returned home.

After much letter writing, Higginbotham was successful in finding all the men, or their families. This summer, he took gifts from these grateful survivors back to their rescuer.

Of his planned Independence Day speech, Higginbotham said: "While Ronald Reagan is singing the praises of America here I'll be singing her glories there in another way."

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**Rescued statues** — Frank Calagaz Sr., then president of the Bel Air Mall Merchants Association, is pictured in the photo on the left with Aggie Clark, who was promotions director for the mall in this October 1980 photograph taken at the mall. Shown are two of the statues which were originally on display at the mall, but removed in 1982. In the photo on the right, taken Tuesday, Jay Higginbotham, director of the city archives, admires one of the statues, which he discovered in an old shed. It now rests in the city's new archives building.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1991

## Old statues to grace halls of archives

By NELL BURKS  
Special to the Press Register

Eight statuesque maidens, wearing the chiton, will greet visitors to the Mobile Municipal Archives at its new location to be dedicated at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Renamed the Charlotte and Samuel Eichold Building, the two-story brick building, 457 Church St., formerly was the Mobile Police Department Annex. Prior to that, it was the unemployment office for Mobile.

Dr. and Mrs. Eichold gave the funds to renovate the building. The archives formerly were located at the Brookley Complex.

Four of the maidens hold lamps of learning; one, the Roman goddess Ceres, holds a sheaf of grain in one hand and a cluster of olives or grapes in the other, and a sixth gestures with one hand outstretched. Two are positioned, one on each side of the door to the conference room, with their heads bowed and their arms folded modestly.

If they seem familiar, yet unfamiliar, and

give the guest a feeling of eerie "deja vu," it is because they graced Bel Air Mall when it opened in the late 1960s, creating a beautiful decor.

Made of iron, they then were painted white and many thought them made of plaster.

Not so. The maidens were cast of iron at the "Founderies du Val D'Osne, 58 B.D. (for Boulevard) Voltaire, Paris," and two of these foundry labels are still attached. When they were in Bel Air Mall, one could still read, on additional attached pedestals, "Arrondissement" with a Roman numeral, an administrative subdivision of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Altmayer, who acquired them from a New Orleans antique dealer for the Bel Air Mall Corp., with an additional three for themselves, believe they were created during the reign of Napoleon III.

History described his 19-year court as the "most glittering court in Europe."

Some believe the statues were created for the first Paris International Exposition in 1855, then moved to the gardens of the Palace

of Versailles, outside Paris.

During the second restoration of Versailles, between the two world wars, and understood to have been financed by Rockefeller money, it was decided not to restore the entire gardens. These statues were acquired by Walter Chrysler, according to Altmayer, and graced his gardens on Long Island.

They then were given to the Archdiocese of New York, which sold them.

What would such goddesses as Ceres, goddess of Mother Earth and agriculture, be doing in such a place?

Her sister, Venus, graces the Altmayer's residence, Palmetto Hall, in Spring Hill, and two are in the Altmayer garden.

In 1982, the statues were removed from the mall and given to the city of Mobile by the Bel Air Corp.

An editorial in the then Mobile Magazine described them as a "munificent gift for the city of Mobile."

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"Langan Park, Mobile's municipal outdoor retreat, is to have an amphitheater," reads the editorial.

"What a perfect setting for these statues," the editorial says, and suggests that a statue on each side of the planned theater could delineate the action. Other statues, positioned on pedestals, could be arranged with an avenue of shrubbery as a dramatic promenade to amphitheater seating.

"Another opportunity for Mobile to have something unique," it reads.

Altmayer asked, "What happened to the chandelier?"

It too, graced the entrance to the mall.

Reads the editorial, "Too bad the chandelier is leaving town. We would have wished it for Mobile's Municipal Theatre."

The statues, which seemed to have disappeared, were discovered in an old shed and under water in Magnolia Cemetery by Jay Higginbotham, director of the archives.

The statues have elicited great

Interest.

Don W. Wilson, archivist of the United States of America, and Edwin C. Bridges, director of the Alabama Department of

Archives and History, will speak at the ceremonies.

The maidens have intrigued them. They have asked for an introduction.



view. The state docks has proposed of about 25 acres of new wetlands and to help the community develop a

and wetlands would be in an area of the Point but are contingent on a with the Mobile Airport Authority,



BILL STARLING/Staff Photographer

Rep. Bill Clark, D-Prichard; Sen. Bradley Monroe; Rep. Randy Davis, R-Daphne; Rep. Gaston, R-Mobile; Rep. Yvonne Kenboile; and Alabama State Port Authority Chairman Parker.

## sit disheartens military boosters

Bush said Monday Pensacola area Navy mostly well-paying local officials were the Pentagon last

Donald Rumsfeld has the Base Realignment that would result a Naval Air Station

boosters in Pensacola strategy to save the

sh told reporters. "I are in Florida."

passed to support cutting-edge efforts to encroaching on an attractive quali-

a trip to the Pentagon who asked about

but not much," said Superintendent Jim

tary Regional Overseeing the proposal to July 12 hearing in

he biggest net loser the state's biggest including the addition group.



**"We're going to fight. I think we have a great case here in Florida."**

— Florida Gov.  
Jeb Bush

# Allies join farmers in pushing Cuban trade

By ROBERT COHEN  
Newhouse News Service

WASHINGTON — An unusual alliance of farm-state Republicans, liberal Democrats and free-trade advocates is fighting a Bush administration policy aimed at stifling the growth of farm exports to Cuba.

Ready to square off against the group is a vocal bloc of lawmakers who vehemently oppose Fidel Castro and any moves to open trade with his regime.

The issue has reignited the acrimonious debate between supporters of the four-decade-old U.S. trade embargo, who believe it will weaken Castro and his communist dictatorship, and opponents who see it as a failed policy and an obstacle to democratic change.

Since Congress softened the embargo in December 2000 by legalizing the export of food to Cuba, more than \$800 million in rice, wheat, soybeans, chicken, yellow corn and other food products has been sold to the island nation.

Last year alone, U.S. agricultural sales to Cuba accounted for \$400 million, a boon to farm interests struggling to increase their exports.

The Bush administration, opposed to any dealings with Castro, imposed new regulations in February that have made the financial transactions more difficult and costly for U.S. food shippers and for the Cubans.

"We understand Cuba is still under communist rule and we'd like to see democratic change, but the sanctions have not changed anything in Cuba in almost 50 years," said Chris Garza, a spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation. "In the meantime, our competitors, including China, are able to go into Cuba and build market share. That is a loss for U.S. producers."

Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., the son of Cuban immigrants and one of the most vocal congressional opponents of the Castro regime, finds any trade with Cuba intolerable as long as Castro is in power.

Menendez said the focus needs to be on human rights, freedom for Cuba and "the harsh reality of people who live under his rule" — not on those "desirous of selling products to Cuba." He said the business community should realize its economic opportunities will be much greater when the Cuban people are free.

To that end, Menendez and allies in the House and Senate last month formed the Cuba Democracy Caucus, to organize efforts to keep the Bush administration's restrictions in place.

Farm interests, in turn, formed the U.S.-Cuba Trade Association last month. Its members include rice and wheat producers, major agribusiness companies including Archer Daniels Midland, Cargill and Caterpillar, and free-trade advocacy groups.

The group has assembled big names from past Republican administrations on its advisory board: Carla Hills, trade representative in the administration of President Bush's father; Frank Carlucci, defense secretary under Ronald Reagan; James Schlesinger, CIA director and defense secretary in the Nixon administration; and William Rogers, former assistant secretary of state for Latin America in the Ford administration.

"We have seen the positive results of engagement with China and Vietnam. It is essential that the U.S. take the lead now in expanding relations with our strategically important neighbor, Cuba," Rogers said in a statement.





*Home of Jesse Higginbotham  
529 N. Pascagoula St.*



Goblin  
1995



*Home of Eugene & Palmyre  
White Gautier  
N. Willow St.  
Pascagoula*



*Home of Eugene & Palmyre  
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*N. Willow St.  
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Government St.  
at Cosham

Residence of  
Jay Higginbotham  
1969-1970



Toyota (1981)  
Station wagon



P.J. Higginbotham Home  
515 (3803)  
N. Pascagoula St.



*Charles Johnson Home  
N. Willow St.  
Pascagoula*



**HIGGINBOTHAM**

**Floyd Anthony "Tony" Higginbotham**, 24, Route 7, Lucedale, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1989, at George County Hospital. Mr. Higginbotham was born Aug. 20, 1965, in Cohoma County, Miss. He was preceded in death by his brothers; Wendell, DeWayne, and Andy Higginbotham, and his grandfather, Floyd Higginbotham.

Survivors include his parents, Charles W. and Margaret C. Higginbotham, George County; paternal grandmother, Lillian Higginbotham, George County; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Manning, New Albany; numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be tonight, Sept. 22, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Funeral service will be Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Elden Haddock and the Rev. John Henry officiating.

Interment will be in Singing River Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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## OBITUARIES

### HIGGINBOTHAM

**P. J. (Prieur Jay) Higginbotham, Sr.** was born in Pascagoula, Miss. on July 1, 1913, oldest son of Jesse Higginbotham of Limrock, Ala. and Anirah Denise White of New Orleans, and descendant on his mother's side of the earliest founders of Mobile, Pascagoula and Ocean Springs.

"Mister P. J.," as he was affectionately known, grew up at 529 N. Pascagoula St. near the Mississippi Power Co. offices where his father Jesse was president and city commissioner. He attended Lake Elementary School, where his sister Denise (Mrs. Karl Wiesenburg) was later principal, and Pascagoula High School. Later, he attended Perkinson Junior College for two years, excelling in mathematics and physics.

In 1936, he married a school teacher, Vivian Ine'z Pe'rez, and had three children, Jay, Mary Kay and Dale. During the Great Depression, P. J. worked for the Highway Department for several years. After the Depression, he began his own business, as an electrical contractor, which continued until his retirement in 1982.

Christened Catholic, he did not attend church until nearly forty years of age when he joined the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula. Later, he became Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of the Board of Deacons and devoted his spare time to charitable work. Aside from the church, he supported the Red Cross,

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**In Loving Memory**  
**Vivian Inez Perez Higginbotham**

**Born**

Monday, November 18, 1912

**Died**

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

**Services**

First Baptist Church in Pascagoula  
February 25, 2006  
2:00 PM

**Officiant**

Dr. Rex Yancey  
Rev. Dennis Ray Smith  
Rev. Gary Anglin

**Concluding Service**

Old Spanish Fort Cemetery  
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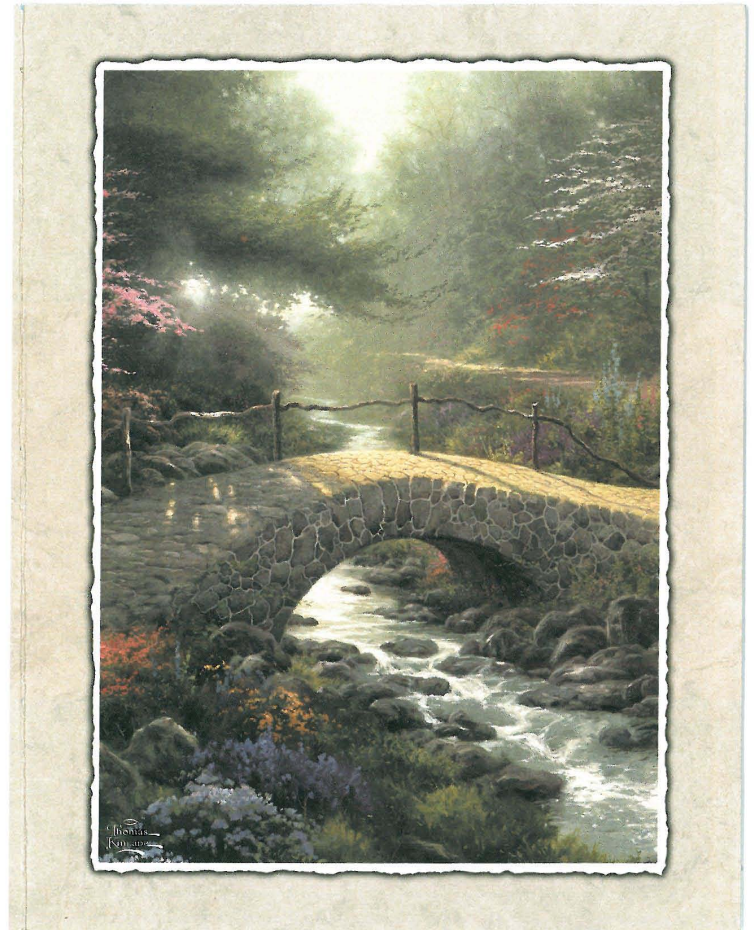
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like this  
we realize how much  
our friends and relatives  
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Your expression  
of sympathy will always  
be remembered.

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*Painter of Light*

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Dear Jay,

It was great to see you. I'm  
sorry there was no chance  
to stage a rematch. I'll  
~~make sure~~  
~~try~~ the next time I'm over  
there, and you should keep  
in mind that you have a  
invitation to visit here.

Would like to hear from you.

Best regards,

Bernard

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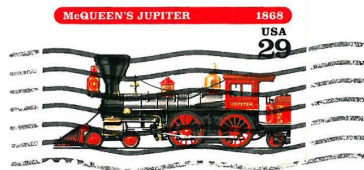
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*"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which  
thou knowest not."*  
Jeremiah 33:3

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*Vivian Higginbotham*

November 18, 1912-February 21, 2006



First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi  
2 p.m., February 25, 2006  
Interment at Old Spanish Fort Cemetery.  
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Welcome and Prayer	Dennis Ray Smith
Hymn No. 8	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Congregation
Scripture	I Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Frances Greenough Psalm 116:15 Revelation 21:1-4
"Then Shall the Righteous Shine" ( <i>Elijah</i> )	Gary Anglin
Obituary	Dennis Ray Smith
Hymn No. 410	"It Is Well With My Soul" Congregation
Reflections	Phyllis Lambert
"O Divine Redeemer"	Annette Baggett
Visual Remembrances	
Eulogy	John Michael Parrish
"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"	Gary Anglin
Closing Remarks	Dr. Rex Yancey
Hymn No. 3	"Worthy of Worship" Congregation
Postlude	Iris Anderson

Pallbearers: Bobby Canty, John Corlew, Mike Flechas, Gary Greenough, Gary Holland, Bill Lambert, Joe Webb, John Wilkinson. Honorary Pallbearers: Bernard Gautier, Trent Lott, Bobby Louis Perez, Wayne Wilkinson.

Our deepest gratitude to the caregivers: Peggy Todd, Faye Aarons, Jane Richardson, Jessie Wigham, Deborah Smith and Dottie Reeves; Mary Alice Ditsworth, Biddie and Keys Higginbotham, Bobby Lewis Perez, and John Wilkinson; Sarah Jim Boykin, Frannie and Gary Greenough. Daphne Henne, Phyllis and Bill Lambert, Peggy, Patsy and Irene Saliba, and Kathryn and Joe Webb.



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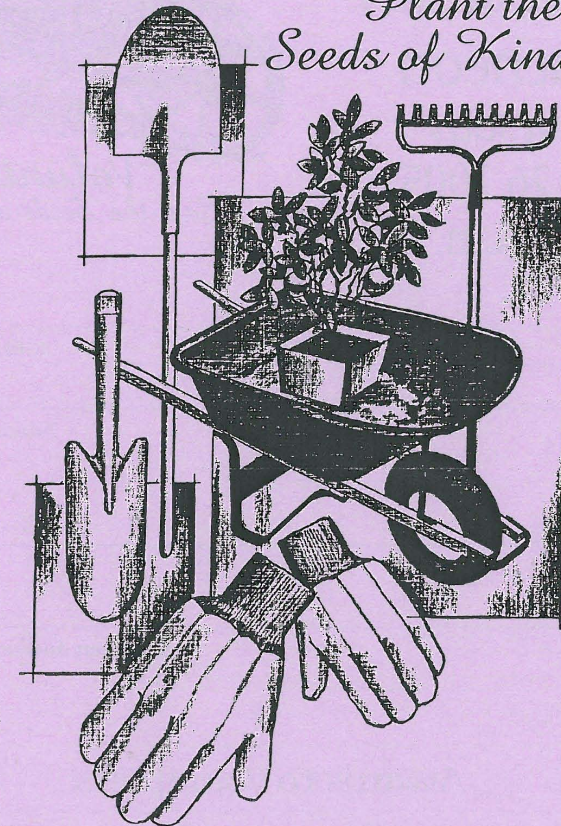
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